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# Town of Weathersfield



# Annual Report 1969

## **The Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department and West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department**

The Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department has just acquired a 1950 Diamond T Pumper with a 1,000 gallons of water on the rig. It will pump at the rate of 500 gallons a minute which is the same as the pumping capacity of the West Weathersfield's Pumper, which has in addition a 1,000 gallon tanker. So the combined departments have 2,500 gallons of water available for immediate use.

Both departments are members of Mutual Aid and have 2-way radios. Normal procedure on the way to a fire is for the officer in charge to contact Springfield, which is Mutual Aid Headquarters, and tell them where the fire is. Upon arrival at the fire the officer in charge may further contact Springfield where Mutual Aid Headquarters are already standing by in case more help is needed.

"Running Cards" are kept on each department so the dispatcher knows where special fire hazard areas are and where water would come from to be used in that particular place.

The Ascutney Fire Chief is Henry "Hank" Cobb, 1st assistant is Clarence Stillson, 2nd assistant - Melvin Butterfield, Captain - Percy I. Bliss. There are 3 trustees: Claude Butterfield, Rodney Spaulding, Clarence McDerment. Treasurer - Donald Scribner and Secretary - Earl Rice. Regular meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month with drills as specified.

The West Weathersfield Fire Chief is: Clarence "Sonny" Grover, Deputy Chief - Dennis Richardson Sr., Assistant Chief - Ronald Lockwood, Captain - Kerry Stapleton, Lt. - Allan Churchill, Secretary-Treasurer - Kenneth Murray. Regular meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month with drills as specified. The Ascutney pumper was purchased from Saddle River, N. J., for \$800.00 and attachments are on order to go with this truck. The West Weathersfield tanker came from Williston, Vt., has a portable generator, two flood lights, an extension ladder, a roof ladder, spot light and hose.

Betty G. Murray

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## WEATHERSFIELD TOWN OFFICERS 1969

Moderator	Melvin R. Butterfield
Town Clerk	Elizabeth G. Murray <i>R. Boydall, 31</i> <i>Boydall</i>
Selectman to 1970	Irving A. McCoy
Selectman to 1971	Henry N. Hicks
Selectman to 1972	Karl G. Stevens
School Director to 1970	Helen W. May
School Director to 1971	Roger Eastman
School Director to 1972	Agnes Torp
Road Commissioner	Howard L. Johnson
Lister to 1970	Perley L. Hoyt
Lister to 1971	Walter O. Murray
Lister to 1972	Frank Houghton
Auditor to 1970	Josephine Brigham
Auditor to 1971	Barbara Lockwood
Auditor to 1972	Enid S. Barr
Treasurer	Irene P. Hoyt <i>355</i>
Trustee of Public Money to 1970	Helen W. May
Trustee of Public Money to 1971	Andrew A. Titcomb
Trustee of Public Money to 1972	Percy I. Bliss
Tax Collector	John L. Hurd <i>366</i>
First Constable	Robert Z. Gale <i>349</i>
Town Agent	Andrew S. Titcomb <i>212</i> <i>95</i>
Town Grand Juror	Leon M. Cleveland <i>342</i>
Cemetery Commissioner to 1970	Celia P. Martin
Cemetery Commissioner to 1971	Grace Stevens
Cemetery Commissioner to 1972	Louise W. Covell
Cemetery Commissioner to 1973	Herman S. Young
Cemetery Commissioner to 1974	Andrew A. Titcomb

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Library Trustee to 1970	Eliza J. Connor
Library Trustee to 1971	Eva G. Spaulding
Library Trustee to 1972	Grace M. Stillson
Library Trustee to 1973	Muriel F. Raymond
Library Trustee to 1974	Vera Murray

### OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

Assistant Town Clerks	C. A. Murray, Helen W. May
Assistant Treasurer	Angelina J. Hurd
Chairman of Civil Defense	Percy I. Bliss
Assistant Chairman of Civil Defense	Richard A. Connor
Tree Warden & Forest Fire Warden	Percy I. Bliss
Fence Viewers	Alan Hitchcock, Walter O. Murray, Michael Kamel
Administrative Officer Sign Control Ordinance	Andrew A. Titcomb
Health Officer	Elsie H. Johnson, LPN
Trustees Martin Memorial Hall	Thelma C. Hastings, Celia P. Martin, Thomas B. Alexander
Town Service Officer	Everett Bryant

### ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1968

Justices of the Peace: (2 years: February 1, 1969 - January 31, 1971) Percy I. Bliss, Leon Cleveland, Norman J. Corey, Robert Follett, Charles A. Murray, Walter O. Murray, Herman S. Young

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Reapportioned House: District 53 Cavendish-Weathersfield

Representative elected at General Election, November 5, 1968

Henry N. Hicks of Weathersfield

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Committee to make a study for a zoning ordinance appointed by Selectmen had as members:

Roald Cann, Peter Daniels, Stanley Flagg, Mrs. Joan Mead and Byron Parry

## WEATHERSFIELD TOWN MEETING

### Tuesday, March 4, 1969

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and the Town School District met at the Multipurpose Room in the Perkinsville School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont at a legally warned meeting and began at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 1969 to elect for the first time town officers by Australian ballot. They also voted by ballot on the sale of spirituous liquors, malt and vinous - beverages. The ballot boxes for beverages closed at 3:00 p.m. and the ballot boxes for town officers closed at 6:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. and acted on the remaining articles in the warning. Melvin Butterfield, moderator declared the ballot boxes open at 10:00 a.m. Richard Connor, Constable, was on duty until relieved by Robert Z. Gale, second Constable. Sunshine and deep snow characterized the day. There were 816 names on the check list of voters.

Article 1. Elected Town Officers by Australian ballot. The ballot box opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 6:00 p.m. at the Perkinsville School. For Town and School Officers elected and appointed see Weathersfield Town Officers 1969.

Article 2. The town voted to grant the sale of malt and vinous beverages:

171 YES                  43 NO

They granted the sale of spirituous liquors by a vote of:

140 YES                  64 NO

The vote on this article was by ballot and a check list was used.

The balloting began at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 3:00 p.m. Melvin Butterfield, moderator, called the meeting together at 7:00 p.m. then adjourned it until the balloting for officers was tallied, following which he called the meeting together again, read the warning, declared the meeting open for business and announced the results of the balloting for officers.

Article 3. R.D. Bullard moved that the reports of Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1968 be accepted. It was seconded. There was no discussion. Motion adopted by voice vote.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of the sale of the School Bond for the Ascutney School addition.

Roald Cann said "I move we do." The motion was seconded. The article was voted in the affirmative and Melvin R. Butterfield, moderator, declared the article was approved.

Article 6. Voted to pay Town Officers, with the exception of the treasurer and the school directors, \$1.75 an hour and ten cents a mile for travel while on town business. The treasurer to receive a 20 per cent increase on last years salary of \$2,700.00 which included travel expenses.

Article 7. Voted to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate \$1,200.00 for the Proctor Library and the Perkinsville Branch; \$50.00 of this sum to be used for the purchase of books for the War Memorial Library.

Article 9. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate \$12,000.00 for a new truck and plow. There was considerable discussion on this article.

Article 10. Voted to amend the article to read: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Officers to adopt a policy to obtain two or more bids in writing for purchases of equipment and services. Amendment voted in the affirmative. Original article read: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to obtain two or more bids in writing for all purchases of new equipment in excess of \$1,000.00 (By request.)

Article 11. Amended to read: To instruct the Treasurer to pay only bills having the signed approval of Town Officers as required by Statute. Voted amended article in the affirmative. The original article stated: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Treasurer to pay only bills having the signed approval of two or more Selectmen. (By request.)

Article 12. Voted to appropriate \$200.00 for the Windsor County Mental Health Service, Inc. to be matched by \$400.00 by the State.

Article 13. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be matched by \$6,000.00 in State funds for construction on State Aid roads.

Article 14. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to be divided equally between the West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department for operation, equipment and buildings.

Article 15. Voted not to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 to subsidize the Springfield ambulance service.

Article 16. Voted to pass over ARTICLE 16 Will the Town of Weathersfield vote to join with other towns in this region to create the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission as authorized by law (24 V.S.A. Chapter 91, Section 4341 et.seq.) and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one or more representatives to the Commission from among the inhabitants of this Town.

Article 17. Voted to pass over Article 17. Will the Town of Weathersfield appropriate a sum of money to be applied against the expenses of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission and if so how much?

Article 18. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to make a study for a zoning ordinance for the town of Weathersfield.

Article 19. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 for the purpose of road signs to be installed in Weathersfield.

Article 20. Voted to pass over Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the town manager system. If so, to authorize the Selectmen to hire a town manager at a salary, not to exceed \$4,000.00.

**Article 21.** Voted to appropriate \$150.00 to be used for a 1969 Memorial Day Parade by a committee appointed by the Selectmen.

**Article 22.** Voted to approve the budgets of the Selectmen and the Town School District for the ensuing year.

**Article 23.** Voted to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:

To pay taxes to Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due August 1st and delinquent after September 1st.

To have real and personal taxes due August 1st and delinquent after November 1st.

To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof.

**Article 24.** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to license all restaurants, inns, theatres and night clubs in accordance with Title 31 V.S.A. 442-443; 31 V.S.A. 503-505 and Title 9 V.S.A. 3061-3062.

**Article 25.** Voted a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Richard Hinkley for filling in on the School Board and to Mr. Richard Connor a vote of thanks for the fine work he has done for the town as Constable. Voted to adjourn.

Attest:      Elizabeth G. Murray, Town Clerk

## **SPECIAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND**

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**June 3, 1969**

The legal voters of the Town School District and the Town of Weathersfield in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont at a legally warned meeting met at the Town Hall at Weathersfield Center, Vermont between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and transacted the following business by ballot:

Article 1. Shall the Town and Town School District authorize their legislative branches (Board of Selectmen and Board of School Directors) to enter into contract with existing or new farmers, owners, lessees, bailees or operators who construct or acquire new farms and industrial real estate and personal property, including additions to existing real property, for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the rate of tax applicable to such real and personal property, or for the purpose of fixing the amount, in money, which shall be paid as an annual tax upon such real and personal property. Such a contract shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years. (A "farmer" is a person receiving directly or indirectly not less than two-thirds of his gross income from the business of farming as defined under the tax laws of the United States.)

118 YES        64 NO        not 2 / 3 vote so article was voted in the negative.

Article 2. Will the Town vote to take advantage of the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and authorize the Selectmen to employ a town manager?

85 YES        99 NO

Article 3. Will the Town authorize a supplementary budget of \$12,000 for the Selectmen's General Fund divided as follows: \$1,000 for repairing damage to the Greenbush Cemetery, \$6,500 for increased wages for the highway department and \$4,500 for the Hammond Bridge?

116 YES        67 NO        The article was approved.

## SPECIAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Weathersfield, Vermont - June 3, 1969**

The legal voters of the Town School District and the Town of Weathersfield in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont being duly warned met at the Weathersfield Town Hall at Weathersfield Center in the said Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on June 3, 1969 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and cast their ballots to transact the following business:

Article 1. Shall bonds of the Town School District of Weathersfield, Vermont, authorized on June 18, 1968 in an amount

not to exceed \$191,500 for the purpose of constructing an addition - to the elementary school located in the Village of Ascutney be issued bearing interest at rate not to exceed 6 per cent not with standing the limit imposed by said vote of June 18, 1968?

Votes Cast:            YES 139            NO 45

Article Approved

The voting was by ballot and a check list of voters was used.

Attest:

Elizabeth G. Murray  
Weathersfield Town Clerk

## AUDITORS' STATEMENT

In accordance with Section 3593V's as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances; inspected all securities, and to the best of our knowledge, the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the Town of Weathersfield on December 31, 1969 and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Enid S. Barr

Barbara A. Lockwood

Josephine L. Brigham

Auditors

## AUDITORS' BALANCE SHEET

### General & Highway Funds

Current Assets:	Dec. 31, '68	Dec. 31, '69
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Treasurer's cash on hand		
Checking account	\$ 3,050.06	\$ 2,413.85
Tax Collector	1,556.62	2,237.11
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	7,324.06	12,009.84
Storm Damage Fund due Hwy. Dept.		3,095.24
Hwy. State Aid due from State		8,787.41
 Total Current Assets:	 \$11,930.74	 \$28,543.45

### School Fund

Current Assets:

Treasurer's Checking Account	\$22,889.77	\$33,463.48
Total Current Assets:	\$22,889.77	\$33,463.48

Current Liabilities:

Surplus:	\$22,889.77	\$33,463.48
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## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED - 1969

### Grand List:

Total Real Estate Value	\$5,768,056.00
Exempt	156,301.00
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Total Taxable Real Estate	\$5,611,755.00
Personal Property	523,232.00
Total Value:	\$6,134,987.00
979 Polls at \$1.00	979.00
1 per cent of Total	61,349.87
Grand List:	<hr/>
	\$ 62,328.87

### Taxes Assessed and Billed

Property and Polls	
School Dept. (\$62,328.87 x 3.39)	\$ 211,294.87
Highway Dept.	
Summer Roads (\$62,328.87 x .38)	23,684.97
Winter Roads (\$62,328.87 x .38)	23,684.97
Equipment Fund (\$62,328.87 x .39)	24,308.25
Selectmen Fund (\$62,328.87 x .66)	41,137.05
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Old Age Assistance 979 x \$5.00	\$ 4,895.00
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Reimbursements for Flood Dam Losses	
(1969 Conn.)	\$ 3,934.94
(1969 Mass. & Vt.)	5,902.42
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Total	\$ 338,842.48
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Adjustment Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	4,860.70
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Total Taxes Billed	\$ 343,703.18

### Taxes Accounted for

Collected by Treasurer to Nov. 1st.	
Real Estate & Personal Property	\$ 303,965.70

Poll Taxes	7,966.20
Delinquent Real Estate and Per.	
Prop. to Collector	19,914.32
Delinquent Polls to Collector	2,019.60
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	\$ 333,865.82
Reimbursement for Flood Dam Losses	
(1969 Conn.)	\$ 3,934.94
(1969 Mass. & Vt.)	5,902.42
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	\$ 343,703.18

## SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

<b>School Bond Issue</b>	<b>1956-1974</b>	<b>\$ 70,000.00</b>
Total Principal paid to Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 55,000.00	
Total Interest paid to Dec. 31, 1969	14,028.75	<hr/>
Total Payments to Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 69,028.75	
<b>School Bond Issue</b>	<b>1962-1982</b>	<b>\$ 41,000.00</b>
Total Principal paid to Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 15,000.00	
Total Interest paid to Dec. 31, 1969	7,648.00	<hr/>
Total payments to Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 22,648.00	
<b>School Bond Issue</b>	<b>1964-1982</b>	<b>\$140,000.00</b>
Total Principal Paid to Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 50,000.00	
Total Interest paid to Dec. 31, 1969	7,140.00	<hr/>
Total Payments to Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 57,140.00	
<b>Total Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness</b>		<b>\$131,000.00</b>
1970 Principal Payments	\$ 15,000.00	
1970 Interest Payments	4,667.25	<hr/>
Total 1970 Payments	\$ 19,667.25	
Equivalent to approximately .31 on		<b>\$62,328.87 GRAND LIST</b>

## TREASURERS STATEMENT

January 1, 1969 - Cash on hand & in bank                            \$ 3,050.06

### Taxes

#### Receipts:

Total current R.E. & P.P. taxes	\$303,965.70
Total flood loss reimburs.	9,837.36
Current polls paid to Treas.	7,966.20
Delinquent taxes rec'd from Coll.	16,356.00
Interest on delinquent taxes	298.89
Taxes abated	220.42
	————— \$338,644.57

## SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Bank Loans from First Nat. Bank	\$ 45,000.00
Dog licenses	715.25
Liquor licenses	294.00
Rental-Martin Memorial Hall	752.30
Social Security on Clerk's fees	437.23
Trailer Park licenses	119.50
State Treasurer-Civil Defense	279.00
Refund on Workmen's Compensation	51.00
Sale of Appraisal Booklets	163.00
Forest fire refunds (Pack pumps-tools)	125.12
First Congregational Church (Electricity)	30.14
First Congregational Church (Repairs on Hall)	200.00
State of Vermont-Refund on check	206.30
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance	106.35
Miscellaneous Refunds	107.46
	————— \$ 48,586.65

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

State of Vermont - State Aid	\$ 23,282.08
Storm Damage Fund (Federal)	4,804.24
Services & Supplies	64.67
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Ins. (Payroll)	165.20
Taxes for Winter Hwy. (.38)	23,312.95
Taxes for Summer Hwy (.38)	23,312.95
	\$ 74,942.09

## EQUIPMENT FUND

Taxes due Fund (.39)	\$ 25,046.07
Sale of Tractor (Dump)	822.55
	25,868.62
Total Receipts	\$491,091.99

## Disbursements

### Selectmen's Dept.

Disbursements as per Selectmen's Orders	\$100,973.99
School taxes transferred to School Dept.	217,708.06
Total taxes due Highway Dept.	46,625.90
Total taxes due Equipment Fund	25,046.07
Taxes abated by Board of Abatement	220.42
Bank charges and check books	14.51
	\$390,588.95

### Highway Dept.

Disbursements as per Highway Commissioner's Orders	\$ 74,379.95
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance (Payroll)	165.20
	\$ 74,545.15

## Equipment Fund

Disbursements as follows:

Loans repaid in full	\$ 12,000.00
Interest on loans	284.44
Interstate Equipment Co. (Sand Spreader)	1,050.00
R. N. Johnson (Dump Tractor)	621.75
Lyons Pontiac Cadillac (New Truck)	7,945.00
W. A. Kraft Corp. (New Motor for Loader)	1,642.85
	—————
Total Disbursements	\$ 23,544.04
January 1, 1970 Cash on hand and in bank	\$488,678.14
	—————
	\$491,091.99

Irene P. Hoyt, Treasurer

**DELINQUENT TAX STATEMENT**  
**January 1, 1970**

Delinquent Taxes, January 1, 1969	\$ 7,324.06
1969 Polls Delinquent	2,019.60
1969 R.E. & P.P. Delinquent	19,914.32
Total Delinquent	\$29,257.98
Delinquent Taxes Abated in 1969	- 220.42
Total	\$29,037.56
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 1969	17,027.72
Total Delinquent, Jan. 1, 1970	\$12,009.84
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1969	\$ 1,556.62
Principal of Taxes Collected in 1969	17,027.72
Interest on Taxes Collected in 1969	307.66
Total Receipts	\$ 18,892.00
Paid to Treasurer in 1969	-16,654.89
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1960	\$ 2,237.11

**SUMMARY**

Years	Polls	P.P.	R.E.	Total
1967	\$ 63.18	\$ 213.95	\$ 99.08	\$ 376.21
1968	87.28	38.30	505.84	631.42
1969	379.44	1,279.80	9,342.97	11,002.21
	\$ 529.90	\$1,532.05	\$9,947.89	\$12,009.84

## DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF FEB. 1, 1970

### POLLS

Bassie, Lavis J.	1969	\$ 10.20
Bassie, Marie A.	1969	10.20
Berry, Arnold T.	1969	10.20
Berry, Lola B.	1969	10.20
Blake, Louis	1968	10.91
Blake, Julia S.	1968	10.91
Boman, June E.	1968	10.91
Curtis, Douglas L.	1969	10.20
Curtis, Douglas L.	1968	10.91
Curtis, Peggy L.	1969	10.20
Curtis, Peggy L.	1968	10.91
Curtis, Josiah P., Jr.	1969	10.20
Davis, Earl E., Jr.	1969	10.20
Davis, Joan M.	1969	10.20
Dewey, Gerald	1967	10.53
Doody, Maynard O.	1969	10.20
Doody, Geraldine	1969	10.20
Gokey, Leon A.	1968	10.91
Gokey, Sylvia P.	1968	10.91
Hardy, Jan H.	1969	10.20
Harris, Margaret V.	1969	10.20
May, John E., Sr.	1968	10.91
McArthur, Doris E.	1969	10.20
Moote, George W.	1969	10.20
Pederson, Frederick H.	1967	10.53
Pederson, Anna	1967	10.53
Reil, Norman D.	1967	10.53
Reil, Joan C.	1967	10.53
Singer, Roger C.	1969	10.20
Singer, Shirley L.	1969	10.20
Stoughton, David P.	1969	10.20
Stoughton, Phyllis H.	1969	10.20
St. Pierre, Maurice	1967	10.53
Tyrrell, Kenneth C.	1969	10.20
Tyrrell, Alice J.	1969	5.20
Young, Robert D.	1969	10.20
Young, Barbara A.	1969	10.20

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\$ 380.06

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Arrison, William	1969	\$ 3.90
Ascutney Woodworking & Supply	1969	92.82
Cannistraci, Anthony	1969	109.98
Conklin, Eugene F.	1969	97.35
Dewey, Gerald	1967	71.23
Foley, Laurien A.	1969	74.36
Kidder, Robert & Frances	1969	.10
Leneau, Robert L.	1969	124.49
Marsh, Gary	1969	133.38
Proctor, Earl	1969	109.98
Rabtoy, Chauncey	1967	69.95
Shafer, Benjamin T.	1969	156.15
Simonds, Ivan & Beverly	1969	133.38
Simonds, Robert A.	1969	102.65
Smith, Robert & Carrie	1969	74.36
Spaulding, Roger & Sylvia	1969	50.00
St. Pierre, Maurice	1967	72.77
Wright, Robert W.	1968	38.30
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		\$1,515.15

## REAL ESTATE

Ascutney Real Estate Corp.	1968	\$ 234.62
Ascutney Real Estate Corp.	1969	426.40
Beebe, Robert & Elizabeth	1969	78.00
Bergen, Loretta E.	1969	236.60
Bergen, Candon,		
Keeley , & Lamentia	1969	250.60
Bruce, Richard & Shirley	1969	351.00
Claghorn, David & Constance	1969	397.80
Connor, George & Virginia	1968	58.46
Connor, George & Virginia	1969	156.00
Connor, Paul & Carol	1969	312.00
Fitch, Howard & Belva	1969	382.20
Foley, Laurien A.	1969	63.70
Graham, James & Esther	1969	x 4.81
Harry Harris Estate	1969	10.40
Hinkley, LaBlanc,		
Usle, & Boudreau	1969	119.60

Howe, Robert & Beverly	1969	24.00
Humiston, Thomas J.	1969	524.94
Hutchinson, Barbara	1969	254.80
Johnson, Herbert & Beulah	1969	562.00
LaFountain, Carlon	1969	322.40
Leneau, Geneva L.	1969	33.80
Lewis, Charles & Marion	1969	7.80
LaCourse, Joseph & Barbara	1968	23.69
LaCourse, Joseph & Barbara	1969	267.80
Marsh, Gary	1969	46.80
Michielson, Harry	1969	20.80
Moore, Stanley Estate	1969	135.20
McAllister, Gerald & Lillian	1969	839.80
McAllister, Gerald (Smead lot)	1969	46.80
McCaughney, Kenneth & Rita	1969	351.00
Phelan, Raymond A.	1969	559.00
Robbins, Leland & Louise	1969	26.00
Saucier, Earl & Esther	1969	199.60
Smith, Robert & Carrie	1969	20.80
Watters, John L.	1969	83.20
Whipple, Leonard & Sylvia	1969	502.32
Yatsevich, Baron D.	1969	96.20
		\$8,026.13
Total		\$9,921.34

x Fees and Interest Not Counted in Totals.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT, 1969

All three selectmen were present at all meetings except for two. The selectmen were faced with many new problems this year. The most important and the costliest was the flood of July 29th. We wish to thank the road commissioner and his crew and the extra men who were pressed into hurried service to help during this disaster and worked long hours to alleviate the situation and help stranded residents. We want to thank, also, the many residents who helped on their own.

The selectmen want to express particularly their gratitude to Gov. Davis, State Director Holmes of the Civil Defense Dept., and District Representative Osgood for declaring Weathersfield a disaster area and providing us with advice, funds, and personnel during this emergency. Weathersfield was virtually at a standstill as well as without any financial resources to meet the emergency. Every resident of Weathersfield should be aware of the many services performed through the State Civil Defense office and be aware of our indebtedness to them.

The reappraisal of real estate by the listers was time-consuming for all. We would like to point out that our listers accomplished this task for less than the cost of a State appraisal and that they did an excellent job under the new formula required by the State. In the spot check undertaken by the State, our properties varied only a percent in a few cases, and agreed in most. The listers are to be commended for the excellent job they did.

Another serious problem facing the residents of Weathersfield is increasing crime in our area. Vandalism, thefts, and breaking and entering have greatly increased. Our Constable, Robert Gale, has been successful in apprehending law violators, both juveniles and adults, as well as helping the State Police. It is our recommendation that the voters approve the Selectmen appointing a chief of Police, as our top law enforcement official. There are many reasons that this it a better procedure. A Chief may be bonded for a far greater amount than a constable, which frees the town from liability to a greater degree. In law enforcement circles and in court hearings it is often advantageous to be the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police and First Constable may be the same individual so it is not necessary to incur additional expense.

An unexpected bridge repair in the Greenbush area was a totally unforeseen expense.

With continued growth and development in Weathersfield, we want to make our residents aware of State requirements governing mobile home parks and land development, particularly regarding State Health Dept. requirements, and also in planning and developing new roads to be taken over by the town. Such roads MUST meet town specifications. The town is not compelled to take over a new road.

With rapid expansion in Vermont and the increased number of State agencies, bureaus, and so forth, town business can no longer be conducted as in past years. It is time-consuming. We are growing rapidly and the services needed to carry on town business are increasing. We are proposing that the voters consider some form of a town manager system since it is no longer possible or practicable for selectmen to carry on town business in their spare time. We are losing out at the State level by not having representation at state agency meetings and, therefore, not benefiting from the tax dollars we send to Montpelier.

We hope all residents will carefully consider the environmental control programs being considered at the State level to protect Vermont from poor development, destruction of natural resources, and pollution and be prepared to provide necessary plans for Weathersfield.

There are many items in the warning and all deserving of your most careful consideration. With the cost of government continually going up, we hope you will familiarize yourself with the needs and problems facing Weathersfield and recognize the need for long-range planning.

Board of Selectmen  
Henry Hicks  
Irving McCoy  
Karl Stevens

## SELECTMEN'S FUND

### PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1970

Administration	1969 Proposed	1970 Actual	1970 Proposed
Officers Salaries And Expenses	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 914.61	\$ 1,050.00
Clerk Salaries Expenses	151.40		
Treasurers Salaries Expenses	2,570.77	3,500.00	
Listers Salaries Expenses	472.44		
Selectmens Salaries Expenses	4,212.97	4,000.00	
Constables Salaries Police Dept. Expense	1,059.66		
Other Town Officers	1,640.55	2,500.00	
	645.29		
Town Officer Supplies And Utilities	596.75	500.00	
Town Meetings and Ballots Reports	1,350.00	1,893.71	2,500.00
	800.00	1,013.94	800.00
<b>General Services</b>			
Fire Insurance	600.00	609.00	600.00
Workmens Comp.	700.00	649.00	700.00
Health & Acc. Ins.	1,200.00	1,254.00	1,200.00
Public Health	50.00	5.00	50.00
<b>Administrative Expense</b>			
Town Cemeteries	1,250.00	762.50	250.00
Fire Protection	1,000.00	1,368.34	500.00
Taxes & Assessments	11,000.00		

Old Age	4,414.50	4,500.00
Agri.	465.00	450.00
County Tax	922.98	925.00
Soc. Sec.	1,964.12	2,500.00
<b>Public Buildings</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
Martin Mem. Hall	1,086.42	
Town Garage	291.08	
Other Buildings	371.69	
Interest on Loans	1,500.00	2,137.31
		2,000.00

### Appropriations

Mental Health	200.00	200.00	300.00
Proctor Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
West Weathersfield			
Fire Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Ascutney Volunteer			
Fire Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00
Road Signs	500.00	469.20	200.00
Ambulance Stand by			1,850.00

### General Government

Town Dump	5,00.00	2,877.00	3,750.00
Civil Defense	300.00	558.00	100.00
Legal Fees	500.00	959.81	500.00
Officers Bonds	170.00	150.00	180.00
Town Parks	150.00	57.00	150.00
Tax Refunds		58.93	
Storm Damage		144.00x	
Miscellaneous		804.04	500.00

### Bridges

Bridges	1,000.00	150.16	1,000.00
Hammond Bridge	4,500.00	4,455.04	
McAllister	2,600.00		
Greenbush		3,211.22	

Court Settlement (Covered Bridge)	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Total Selectmens Fund	\$ 55,720.00	\$ 56,185.96	\$ 48,405.00

### Equipment

Equipment			6,000.00
Sander	1,150.00	1,050.00	
Truck & Plow	12,000.00	7,945.00	
New Motor (Loader)		1,642.82	
Dump Tractor (repairs)		694.25	
Loan	10,000.00	12,000.00	
Misc. Special Equip.	850.00		
<b>Total Equipment Fund</b>	<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,332.07</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>

<b>Highway Summer</b>	36,031.00	37,000.00
Labor	6,156.62	
Repairs	3,888.25	
Gas, Oil, Grease	3,149.99	
Utilities	184.99	
Contract	2,182.35	
Chloride, Gravel, Stone Hot Mix	1,192.10	
Culverts	3,712.52	
Taxes & Assessments	3,364.91	
Licenses & Insurance	576.40	

<b>Highway Winter</b>	25,137.00	26,000.00
Labor	11,714.66	
Repairs	3,826.97	
Gas, Oil, Grease	3,134.55	
Utilities	257.06	
Contract	48.75	
Salt, Sand	4,413.00	
State Aid, winter	306.60	
Insurance	411.20	
Taxes & Assessments	4,675.20	

<b>State Aid Construction</b>	9,000.00	9,000.00
Equipment	1,324.71	
Labor	1,248.10	
Materials	4,993.54	
<b>Unselected Roads</b>		
McAllister Rd.	935.07	
Downer Hill Rd.	2,284.80	
Amsden School Rd.	513.34	
Maple St.	694.44	
Goulden Ridge Rd.	114.75	
Upper Falls Rd.	355.05	
Jarvis Rd.	916.98	
<b>Bridge Emergency</b>	2,320.00x	
<b>Storm Damage Emergency</b>	5,648.25x	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 70,168.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,545.15</b>
		<b>\$ 72,000.00</b>

### Summary

Selectmen's Fund	55,720.00	56,185.96	48,405.00
Equipment Fund	24,000.00	23,332.07	6,000.00
Highway Fund	70,168.00	74,545.15	72,000.00
	<b>\$149,888.00</b>	<b>\$154,063.18</b>	<b>\$126,405.00</b>

x Civil Defense Reimburse

### Anticipated Receipts

Flood Loss	\$ 3,000.00
Licenses	1,000.00
Delinquent Taxes	11,000.00
Martin Memorial Hall	800.00
State Aid on Roads:	
Unselected	15,566.00
State Aid Cons.	2,165.00
Chloride	200.00
No. 1 Construction	4,000.00

Winter Funds	3,000.00
Plowing	637.00
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Total	\$ 44,368.00
Total Proposed Budget	126,405.00
Less Anticipated Receipts	44,368.00
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Estimated to be raised by taxes	\$ 82,037.00

### TREASURER'S STATEMENT

#### STORM DAMAGE FUND

October 4, 1969 to January 9, 1970

**Receipts:**

First National Bank (Loan)	\$20,000.00
U.S. Government	55,038.00
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Jan. 1, 1970 First Nat. Bank (Loan)	15,000.00

\$90,038.00

**Disbursements:**

First National Bank (Loan repaid)	\$20,000.00
Victor Jarvis	30,573.93
Charlestown Ready-Mix	978.05
Neil H. Daniels, Inc.	1,899.60
Gerald M. McAllister, Sr.	2,700.97
Weathersfield Highway Dept.	4,804.24
Northeastern Culvert Corp.	9,333.76
Donald Hammond	152.40
Alton Fontaine	74.40
Arthur Smead	300.00
Miller Construction Co.	740.00
K-Ross Building Supply	52.88
Thomas Martin	240.00
Cold River Hot Mix Corp.	409.63
Vermont Dept. of Highways	215.95

**1970**

Weathersfield Highway Dept.	\$ 3,095.24
Victor Jarvis	2,041.00
Northeastern Culvert Corp.	9,614.76
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Total Disbursements	\$87,226.81
Jan. 9, 1970 Cash on hand & in bank	2,811.19
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	\$90,038.00

Irene P. Hoyt, Treasurer

**Memo:** Balance of Federal funds due to  
balance this account will be  
received later this year.

### FLOOD EMERGENCY REPORT JULY 29, 1969

The Disastrous flood of July 29th left virtually every town road in Weathersfield in need of repair. Nearly every culvert and bridge was damaged or completely destroyed and some roads just disappeared. The Selectmen notified the governor's office of the extent of damage and the following day Gov. Davis declared Weathersfield a disaster area. This meant we were eligible for Civil Defense Dept. assistance as well as help from the National Guard, who provided trucks, bulldozers, and personnel for a week. Most importantly, it made us eligible for federal funds. Weathersfield had absolutely no financial backlog to meet the situation. I cannot emphasize enough to you how fortunate we are to have become eligible for \$110,000.00 to repair the damage. To have raised this ourselves would have meant nearly \$2.00 on the tax rate. We tend to take Civil Defense for granted, but every taxpayer and resident of Weathersfield should be grateful to our State Civil Defense Director, Mr. Holmes and the area representative, Mr. Osgood, for the excellent job they did in obtaining federal money for us as well as for surveying the damage with the State Highway Dept., our local road commissioner, and the selectmen.

The damage survey and reports to obtain these federal assistance funds took many, many days of outside legwork and many, many hours of paper work. As agent, I worked with

members of Civil Defense, State Highway Dept. and Corps of Army Engineers in preparing flood damage reports and requests for financial aid. In this capacity as agent I am required by State and Federal agencies to supervise work, keep reports and financial records to be audited by State and Federal authorities. Since the town is required to provide this supervisory agent, I have had to charge my time to the Selectmen's Account.

We will complete this repair work in the spring. Because of our dire financial situation, the \$55,000.00 in Federal funds we received in October was actually an advancement. We will not receive the final payment until the work has been completed at which time it will be inspected and approved by State and Federal authorities and until the books have been audited by State and Federal auditors. We have, therefore, placed in the warning, Article 10, requesting authority to borrow in anticipation of these emergency funds.

Karl Stevens  
Agent

Road	Estimated Damage Cost	Expenditures to Date
SA 1 Center Road	\$ 483.50	\$ 244.95
TH 14 Plains Road	1,331.20	134.31
TH 26 Cady Hill Rd.	6,000.00	000.00
TH 31 Little Canada Rd.	712.50	712.50
TH 37 Thrasher Rd.	6,150.00	1,641.28
TH 39	540.00	157.00
TH 40 Tenney Hill Rd.	21,925.00	15,292.78
TH 41 Raymond Rd.	2,190.00	2,106.60
TH 42 Downer Hill Rd.	1,640.00	1,471.00
TH 44 Goulden Ridge Rd.	4,000.00	2,153.20
TH 45 Chambers Rd.	4,000.00	2,027.18
TH 46	28,652.60	20,919.47
TH 47 Perkins Hill Rd.	1,200.00	.552.00
TH 50 Skyline Dr.	3,175.00	1,615.33
TH 51 Bowen Hill Rd.	17,630.00	13,635.45
TH 54 Roberts Rd.	2,060.00	1,808.16
TH 57 Peck Rd.	225.00	219.00
TH 60 Baltimore Rd.	6,000.00	1,945.60
TH 62 Wellwood Rd.	1,560.00	000.00
TH 72 Gammie Rd.	600.00	591.00
		\$67,226.81

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS  
FOR WEATHERSFIELD**

**Campbell Fund**

January 1st balance	\$ 9,089.10
Receipts:	
Dividends	216.22
Capital Gains	544.80
Interest	50.00
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Disbursements	-88.00
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Balance Dec. 31st	\$ 9,812.12
Assets:	
Burlington Savings Bank	\$ 1,000.00
x 227 Shares Geo. Putnam	3,173.46
x 243 "M.I.T."	3,713.04
Checking Account	958.85
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	\$ 8,845.35

**Connor Fund**

January 1st balance	\$ 3,677.43
Receipts:	
Dividends	72.00
Capital Gains	126.00
Interest	50.00
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Disbursements	-73.85
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Balance Dec. 31st	\$ 3,851.58
Assets:	
Burlington Savings Bank	\$ 1,000.00
x 200 Shares American Mutual	1,800.00
Checking Account	963.58
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	\$ 3,763.58

### Hoisington Fund

January 1st balance	\$ 3,356.81
Receipts:	
Dividends	31.00
Capital Gains	98.00
Interest	86.19
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	\$ 3,572.00
Disbursements	-45.00
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Balance Dec. 31st	\$ 3,527.00
Assets:	
x 100 Shares Inv. Co. of America	\$ 1,320.00
First Nat. Bank (Savings)	2,262.48
Checking account	230.52
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	\$ 3,813.00

### CEMETERY FUND

#### Investments and Savings:

Burlington Savings bank	\$ 7,095.41
Vt. National Bank	4,197.54
U.S. Treasury Bond at 3 1 / 4 percent	1,500.00
U.S. Treasury Bond at 4 percent	2,500.00
x 518 shares Geo. Putnam	7,241.64
x 189 " M.I.T.	2,887.92
x 640 " Wellington (Hicks)	7,257.60
Checking Account	9.34
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	\$32,689.45

#### Income from above:

Treasury Bond - 4 percent	\$ 100.00
Treasury Bond - 3 1 / 4 percent	48.76
Interest - Burlington Samings	427.31
Interest Vt. National	150.60
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	\$ 726.67

#### Plain Cemetery income:

Geo. Putnam dividends	\$ 215.54
Geo. capital gain	565.74
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	\$ 781.28

Willington Fund dividend	288.00	288.00
<b>Ascutney Cemetery income:</b>		
M.I.T. dividend	64.68	
M.I.T. capital gain	154.36	
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		219.04
<b>Weathersfield Bow Cemetery income:</b>		
Geo. Putnam dividend	33.14	
Geo. Putnam capital gain	86.94	
	—————	
		120.08
<b>Grout Cemetery income:</b>		
M.I.T. dividend	19.62	
M.I.T. capital gain	47.67	
	—————	
Total income		67.29
		\$ 2,139.36

Checking Account:		
Balance January 1st	\$ 5.89	
Deposited	700.00	
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Disbursements		\$ 705.89
		-696.55
	—————	
Balance Dec. 31st		\$ 9.34

x Funds figured at per share value as of December 31st, 1969

Andrew A. Titcomb  
Percy I. Bliss  
Helen W. May  
Trustees Public Funds, Weathersfield

### Report for 1969 WEATHERSFIELD BOW CEMETERY

On hand January 1, 1969	\$ 125.74
Received in 1969 from Fund Acct.	200.00
	—————
	\$ 325.74

Expenses:

Mowing Hunt Lot	\$	65.00
and Jarvis Lot		
Painting Fence and Gate		
Jarvis Lot and entr.		125.00
Endowed Lots		30.00
Monthly Bank charge		10.00
7 yds Loam		8.75
Spreading Loam		10.00
	_____	\$ 248.75
Balance of expense taken care of thru Asso. Funds		\$ 198.75
Balance		\$ 126.99

Grace Stevens  
Cemetery Commissioner

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT - 1969

The nine unendowed Town cemeteries and the four larger ones that do have endowment funds were cared for this last year as usual, with mowing, raking and general clean up work.

A serious case of wanton vandalism occurred at the Greenbush Cemetery, with many of the old stones knocked over and some broken. Considerable time and Town money was spent carefully restoring the cemetery as a result of this criminal act.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Martin  
Grace Stevens  
Louise Covell  
Herman Young  
Andrew Titcomb

## PROCTOR LIBRARY STATEMENT

Balance January 1, 1970	
Bonds	\$3,000.00
Interest on bonds	25.00
Fines	5.00
Circulation	5,250

150 new books were bought for the Ascutney Library

Library insurance was taken out for the Proctor Library. To meet the requirements of our insurance company extensive repair work was done on the chimney and furnace. A new blower motor had to be installed this fall. Because of furnace trouble this year and heavy snow our janitor bills were very high.

Two book trucks were bought. Due to shortage of room one could not be used in Perkinsville so it was taken to Ascutney until the time it can be used in Perkinsville.

The bonds are in the process of being re-invested where much higher interest will be paid. We left the interest from the trust fund to be used in the coming year.

### Books given by:

Mrs. Elton Davis	Mrs. Raymond Baker
Mrs. Wellington	Mrs. Patricia Eastman
Mrs. Leon Cleveland	Mrs. Frederick Ballou
Mrs. Keith Spaulding	Mrs. Guy Raymond
Mr. George Birch	Mrs. George Pratt
Major & Mrs. Willis Russell	Mr. Richard Koenig
Mrs. K.R. Jones	Master Harold Mead

### Magazines:

Mrs. Robert Follett
Mrs. Guy Raymond

Book-Cases given by: Mrs. George Pratt, Windsor, Vt.

### Trustees:

Muriel Raymond	Eva Spaulding
Eliza Connor	Grace Stillson
Vera Murray	

## PROCTOR LIBRARY STATEMENT

Balance Jan. 1, 1969

Bonds	\$3,000.00
Balance in bank	351.40
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	\$3,351.40

Receipts:

Appropriations	\$1,200.00
Interest on bonds	37.50
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Total	\$1,237.50

Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 538.69
Electricity	25.00
Fuel	66.44
Insurance	56.15
Books	361.37
Repairs	334.07
Miscellaneous	7.27
Equipment	150.00
New checks	1.38
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	\$1,540.37
Balance	\$3,048.53

## REPORT OF PERKINSVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY JANUARY 1, 1970

Circulation 845

Books donated

20 by Mrs. Donald Miller

1 by Mrs. William Cole

75 New books bought by Proctor Funds

Various pamphlets from State Organizations

1 book (Bennington Pottery) bought from fund balance last year.

## SPECIAL GIFTS:

"The Grange in Vermont" by Guy W. Horton, Henry A. Stoddard & Harold J. Stillwell--(Authors). This was presented to the library by The Home Economics Committee of Hawks Mt. Grange, Mrs. Gertrude Barrows, Chairman.

This book is dedicated "To all faithful Patrons of Husbandry who have contributed to Grange Growth in Vermont", of interest to many citizens.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS:

"Meet Calvin Coolidge" - The Man behind the Myth" - as seen by prominent men and women during his life time. To name a few, Grace Coolidge, Alfred E. Smith, Herbert Hoover, Will Rogers and many others.

"Complete Poems of Robert Frost"

The above two books are from money contributed by friends and neighbors of Anna Billings Clark in Perkinsville and given to the library in memory of her.

"Vermont-A Special World" from the Town Library Fund in memory of our soldiers.-Very beautiful.

All of these gifts are exceptional and it is my hope that many will come to the library to see and read them.

## FINANCES:

Balance Jan. 1, 1969	\$17.10
Memorial Gift--Clark	10.00
Books sold	1.00
Fines	4.90
	_____
	\$33.00

## Expenses:

1 book from funds	\$ 1.56
Postage & supplies	4.12
2 Memorial Books	10.10
	_____
	\$15.78

Balance held to buy new books  
Jan. 1, 1970

## FIRE WARDENS REPORT 1969

Once again we are pleased to report there were no disasterous fires during 1969. Again we wish to thank all the residents of Weathersfield for their cooperation in keeping this town free from the loss caused by fires and in keeping the countryside beautiful. We are happy to report that our Volunteer Fire Departments have greatly improved the protection factor by additional equipment and joining the Mutual Aid Pact. You can rest assured that every assistance will ge given if a serious fire should break out. During 1969 Weathersfield called upon Civil Defense for assistance due to flooding the whole area. Over the years we have endeavored to show that these emergencies could happen in Weathersfield. It sure did, and very suddenly, and the town was in a sorry state! However, within the hour Civil Defense came to the rescue and help began to arrive. We also would like to thank the Volunteer Fire Department for supplying water to those in need and giving rescue, in one case, of evacuation by boat. Your warden wishes to state that along with fire wardens duties the Civil Defense organization will be brought up to date in the near future.

Again, thank you.

Percy I. Bliss, Fire Warden

Civil Defense Chairman

## **FIRST CONSTABLE REPORT 1969**

This year has shown crime on a steady increase in Weathersfield. Dog complaints are far ahead of any other problem. Dope, intoxication, accidents, breach of peace and so forth are naturally also on the increase. This calls for more time spent investigating court appearances and detailed and accurate records must be kept.

Weathersfield needs a modern type of police system to replace the obsolete horse and buggy day constable system we now have, where it is practically impossible to get corrections even after a subject is apprehended.

Weathersfield has taken a big step in progress by furnishing us with a radio system which is proving very effective, bringing us to closer and quicker communication with surrounding police departments.

You are reminded that you may call Springfield Police and ask for A-4 or call Windsor 674-5188 anytime as we have 24 hour day or night radio and telephone communications available to you.

**ROBERT GALE-FIRST CONSTABLE**

## **VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

### **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT, 1969**

This is a report to the residents of your town describing the health services which have been rendered during the state fiscal year July 1, 1968, through June 30, 1969. These services are carefully planned so that maximum benefit may be gained from each tax dollar. For instance, one clinic may serve many towns if the number of patients is small. On the other hand, when a service is needed in a town or city, we make every effort to provide it.

I invite you to discuss this report with your friends and health officer and I would welcome any impressions which you care to forward to me.

The following is a list of some of the health services to the residents of Weathersfield.

Attendance at State Public Health nurse sponsored well-child conferences and Immunization Clinics	14
Number of children served at the child development clinic	1
Number of children aided at handicapped childrens clinics for speech, hearing, orthopedic, plastic, neurological, or cardiac problems	8
People x-rayed for tuberculosis detection	4
People x-rayed for occupational diseases	6
Attendance at tumor clinics	1
Attendance at diabetes clinics or physician screening for diabetes	44
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping-cough immunizations	4
Polio immunizations	4
Smallpox immunizations	2
Number of water samples tested (private & public supplies)	39
Blood specimens tested (pre-marital, pre-natal, and other)	59
Other laboratory specimens	8
Sanitary inspections, consultations (food & lodging, camps)	39
Water, sewage disposal, public buildings & other inspections	55
Medical Care Services: nutrition and dietary consultations, inspections and consultations to hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, and home health service agencies	2
Public Health Nurse visits	157
Number served by Public Health Nurse visits	79

Respectfully submitted,

R.B. Aiken, M.D. M.P.H.  
Commissioner of Health

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

### Report to the Town of Weathersfield

Last year this department initiated reporting to each town and city the amounts spent and people aided in each locality under the various programs of the Vermont Department of Social Welfare. This report replaced the previous annual notification to each town of the charges that had been assessed against their community for

**THE BIG RAIN ON JULY 28-29, 1969 WASHED OUT ROADS AND CULVERTS GOVERNOR DEANE C. DAVIS DECLARED WEATHERSFIELD A DISASTER AREA THE NATIONAL GUARD ARRIVED TO GIVE AID \$110,000 FEDERAL AID HELPS**



**WHERE IS THE \$14,000 CULVERT?** In Ascutney the huge culvert and road leading to the Gerald McAllister settlement disappeared during the night and two trailers were inundated.



**HERE IS THE LOST CULVERT** - It was washed down Mill Brook, around a bend and came to rest over the dam by the bridge leading to Guy Raymond's "Hidden Glen."



**GOULDEN RIDGE ROAD** - Col. Milford W. Delorme, (left) of Military Support of Civil Affairs Planning Office of Vermont National Guard and Howard Johnson, road commissioner, inspect gutted Goulden Ridge Road.



**WASHOUT ON BARK MILL BROOK** - The flash flood left only a small part of the cement culvert in Bark Mill Brook bed. A temporary road is visible in the background. (Photos By Betty G. Murray)

their share of State operated welfare programs. The enactment by the General Assembly of the Social Welfare Act of 1967 eliminated sharing in State welfare costs at the local level and consequently, the basis for this type of reporting to the towns.

This years report on amounts of money paid to money payment recipients in your town and monthly average number of recipients is for calendar year 1969 in contrast to the half year report made last year. In addition, we are able to report a full year of money spent for General Assistance and for the last six months of the year, the value of the year, the value of the bonus food stamps given to residents of your town and the monthly average number of participants. General Assistance is the program that was formerly operated by your Overseer of the Poor. Your town's tabulation is as follows:

Program	Amount	Monthly Average Number of Recipients
Aid to the Aged	\$ 1,315.00	1
Aid to the Blind	0.00	0
Aid to the Disabled	1,357.00	2
Aid to Needy Families with children	22,814.00	34
General Assistance	2,375.69	0
Bonus Food Stamps (6 months)	943.00	23

The above figures do not include money payment recipients residing in nursing homes or mental hospitals as there does not appear to be a fair way of assigning a town of residence to these people.

In addition, medical vendor payments for the calendar year 1969 totaled over \$11,000,000.00 (more than 1 / 3 of all department expenditures) and payments in behalf of committed children totaled over \$1,000,000.00 for a monthly average of 1,480 children. No doubt, residents of your community were numbered among those who benefited by these expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Philbrook

Deputy Commissioner

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED 1969

### On Time

56 females	at \$6.00	\$336.00
108 spayed females	2.00	216.00
148 males	2.00	296.00

### Late

3 females	9.00	18.00
11 spayed females	3.00	33.00
23 males	3.00	69.00
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349 dogs licensed		\$977.00
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Fees to clerk 349 at .75	261.75	
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To Town Treasurer		\$715.25

The threat of rabies seems to be increasing in Vermont. So it is extremely important that all dogs within the Town of Weathersfield should be properly vaccinated. It is hard to understand how some people can love dogs and love people yet they disregard the importance of having their dogs vaccinated and licensed.

### LICENSING DOGS THIS YEAR STILL REQUIRES:

1. The owner or keeper of the dog to appear and sign the license stating the vaccination certificate for rabies presented is the one for the dog being licensed.
2. Dogs vaccinated at 4 months of age and certificates for rabies vaccination issued within 30 months of licensing. The rabies certificate or copy to be filed with town clerk.

A spaying certificate is necessary to license a dog as a spayed female. ALL DOGS FOUR MONTHS OF AGE MUST BE LICENSED. Fees for LATE licensing dogs are FIFTY PER CENT MORE THAN REGULAR FEE.

The Town Office in Perkinsville is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., excepting holidays. So please plan to come in person to license your dog . . . (Just as you have to appear in person to sign your hunting license.) If you check the date of the dog's rabies certificate to make sure it is still within the 30 months it could save you a trip.

Elizabeth G. Murray, Town Clerk

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT In Weathersfield, Vermont.

As Tax Collector, I speak and correspond with many Weathersfield taxpayers. From this communication, I realize that many, including myself, do not fully understand the functions of our local government and the duties of the town officers.

This is an effort to correct the condition. I hope that it will help us all to become better citizens. Lack of time and space limited the number of offices covered in this write-up. With public approval, I will try to enlarge on the subject in later Town Reports.

This is not an official publication of the Town of Weathersfield. It is entirely the thoughts and opinions of the writer, based on a study of the State Statutes, the Officer's Manuals, and "Town Government in Vermont" by Professor Andrew Nuquist of U.V.M. I am grateful to Mr. Nuquist for permission to use his book as reference material. This is written with the advice and consent of the town officers involved. All legal definitions of the duties of town officers must be made from the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

John L. Hurd  
Perkinsville, Vt.

### Who Are "THEY"?

We often hear it said, "They raised my taxes." "They didn't fix my road." "They are spending too much money."

#### Who are "They"?

"They" are not a group of impersonal politicians with an established power base and a grip on the treasury. They are our neighbors. They are ordinary people who are willing to do a complex, and often unpleasant, job for the good of the town, and for small pay. They are freely elected by our Town Meeting and act on its instructions. If they fall down on the job, the correction is at the ballot box, not in criticism without suggested alternatives.

In effect, "They" are all of us. If we can learn to transpose the words "They" and "We", we will have a better base for our local government.

## THE MODERATOR

The Moderator is the presiding officer at Town Meeting. He must be a man of tact and firmness. He must understand the rules of order and be able to enforce them with a minimum of confusion. He must be able to maintain decorum, and has the authority to order the Constable to remove from the hall anyone who creates a disturbance.

The success of a town meeting depends almost entirely upon the Moderator. If the meeting can proceed with a minimum of negative votes and confused issues, if every man can have his say with a clear understanding of the issues involved; then we have a satisfying and effective Town Meeting, and a good Moderator.

We can all help to make our Annual Meeting a success if we try to understand the questions at hand; perhaps disagreeing with the other fellow's viewpoint, but respecting his right to state it, and remembering that it is the last word that binds us all.

## THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk is the town's recorder on the sands of time. And all that she writes becomes history. You are not officially born, married, or deceased until she has written you into the records of the town.

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk are so many and varied that a manual of the statutes involved in her work amounts to a book of 266 pages.

The Town Clerk records all vital statistics and all deeds, mortgages and liens on property. She receives Vermont Property Transfer Returns, with the money returned to the Vermont Tax Department. She is responsible for issuing food stamps, with the money returned to the Department of Social Welfare. She issues fishing and hunting licenses, with the money returned to the Fish and Game Department. She issues dog licenses and all other licenses which originate at the local level, with the money going to the town.

The Clerk is the custodian of the Grand List, the check list of voters, and all town records. She acts as clerk for the Board of Civil

Authority. She certifies all Town Meetings and Elections, and must send a maze of reports to the County, State, and Federal governments.

The Town Clerk is, in effect, the signature of the town in all contacts between the town government and the public, and between the town government and all other branches of government, with the exception of legal and administrative matters which are the responsibility of the Selectmen, and fiscal matters which are the responsibility of the Treasurer.

We can all help to ease the burden of the Town Clerk's job by having all necessary information available and correct before contacting her for her services. Also, we should remember that she is not on duty all day, every day. She is at the town office from nine to five on Wednesday and Thursday, but may be contacted at her home for special services.

## THE SELECTMEN

The Selectmen hold a very complicated office. The listing of their duties is a fair sized volume. They are responsible, directly or indirectly, for just about every phase of our local government. The Statutes state that they "Shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the town and town school districts not committed by law to the care of any particular officer", and that covers a lot of ground.

The Selectmen have responsibilities in the fields of finance, taxation, law enforcement, highways, and negotiations with other levels of government. They must budget and expend all general and highway funds, including the money from State and Federal sources, most of which require a lot of accounting. They are responsible for the enforcement of local ordinances, and for the town's compliance with a lot of State and Federal regulations.

The Selectmen must make appointments to fill any vacant town offices or, failing this, do the job themselves. They must rely on all other town officers to give them full information and cooperation.

When we consider that this job has always been done by a group of three men, seldom men with executive training and none of them working full time, it is a wonder that the system has worked so well for so long. It is a tribute to the caliber of the men who have held the office.

But now the changing times have caught up with the office. The business affairs of the Selectmen have enlarged in scope and now require practically the full time effort of at least one of them. They must spend a lot of time in meetings and conferences during the day. A man who is working full time in industry or business simply cannot do the job.

The time has come when the town must have a full time trained executive head in the person of either a salaried Selectman or a Town Manager. The voters must decide. The alternatives are expensive and inefficient local government or a take-over of more local affairs by State and regional authorities.

### THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

The Road Commissioner is the supervisory foreman of our highway crew.

The Selectmen have the responsibility to "Lay out, alter, and discontinue highways." They also purchase all equipment used on the roads. They set up the budget for the money required to maintain the town road system. They estimate the amount of State funds available and set the amount of tax money needed. This money becomes the highway account in the Treasurer's books.

The Selectmen then supply the Road Commissioner with the necessary funds and equipment with which to do his job of keeping our roads in as good condition as possible, winter and summer.

The Road Commissioner hires his help, lays out the work schedules, supervises all jobs in progress, and puts in a full day's work driving or maintaining equipment.

The Commissioner also has to keep a good set of books as a record of the expenditures on the various projects. He writes the orders for payment of wages and supplies.

The jobs of the Road Commissioner and of the Selectmen are so closely related that there must be a good working relationship between them for the best results.

## THE LISTERS

Back in the days of the quadrennial appraisal, the Listers did not have too much to do. With a stable population, stable town expenses, and very few property sales, there was little change in the grand list from year to year. The Lister's work could be done in a short time, for small pay. Of course there have always been arguments. The first grievance probably concerned the listed valuation of a potash kettle.

Today's Lister is a busy and frustrated man. He must, by oath, conform to a vast array of State regulations. He must listen to the exhortations of the Tax Commissioner with one ear and to the anguished cries of his neighbor with the other, and try to speak with wisdom in between. He must try to find exact answers to the problems of an admittedly inexact science.

The simple judgment of today's Lister is not enough. He must work to a formula. He is expected to plug in a lot of plus factors and minus factors, prime acres and secondary acres and swamp acres, building costs and development costs, and the sale price of neighboring property; then to crank out a perfect and undisputable answer known as the "Fair Market Value." It is a tough assignment.

The Listers keep a lot of records. There is a file card system with detailed descriptions and photographs. There are drawn maps and aerial survey maps. There are transcripts of land transfers. It takes a lot of time just to keep the records up to date during the present hectic land boom.

The Listers need all of the help that we can give them. We can do this by making sure that the names and addresses are complete and correct, including zip codes, on all land transfers so that tax bills can be sent speedily and correctly. We can report all land sales to the Town Clerk without delay to keep the records up to date.

All Personal Property inventories must be in the hands of the Listers by April 20th , properly made out and signed.

Veteran's Exemption Certificates also have an April 20th deadline. Those concerned must have an understanding of the extent of their exemption according to their percentage of disability, and whether it covers real estate or poll tax only.

When making out the poll tax cards, we must remember that all residents of the town who are 21 years of age and over must be listed. Persons of 70 years and over are listed as having exempt status.

But most of all, if we disagree with the Listers, we must use the legal grievance procedures in the proper sequence, and without malice. We must give the Listers credit for having acted on the basis of legally required judgment, and not on basis of personal feelings.

## THE AUDITORS

During the year, the town officers spend a lot of money, sometimes more than what their budget calls for. The voters are naturally interested in where this money came from and where it went.

To supply this information, the town elects three auditors whose job it is to "Examine and adjust the accounts of all town and school district officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasury." They must also verify all of the town's assets such as trust funds, investments, and cemetery funds. The accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector also have to be examined.

The Auditor's job is now less frustrating than it was back when an occasional order showed up scribbled on the back of an envelope or on the tag from a grain bag. The town officers now use modern accounting methods and proper records.

The Auditors also supervise the publishing of the Town Report. The month of January is a hectic one for the Auditors. They must collect and audit all accounts and have them in proper form to meet a February first deadline for the report to go to press.

The Weathersfield town reports have won prizes in the State Town Report contest in recent years.

## THE TREASURER

The Treasurer is the Town's fiscal agent. She is responsible for receiving and disbursing all of the monies involved in town government. Time was, when the Treasurer could spend an afternoon each week at her kitchen table and take care of all of the town's business. The job has now grown to the point of requiring two full day's work at the town office for both the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer, and a good many added days and evenings at home.

The Treasurer's job is basically one of bookkeeping and accounting, involving many separate categories and several checking accounts. Under their present set-up, the Treasurer takes care of the general and special accounts of the Selectmen and Highway departments, school building funds, and all banking. The Assistant Treasurer handles the books for the regular school accounts. But it requires the combined efforts of both to cover the entire job.

The public's main contact with the Treasurer is through the payment of taxes. The issuing of tax bills is the responsibility of the Selectmen, who hire the Treasurer to do the job.

Upon receiving the Grand List from the Listers, the Treasurer computes each tax against the established tax rate and sends each taxpayer a tax bill, stating the listed valuation, tax rate, amount due, and the conditions of payment.

After the due date, the Treasurer acts as collector of taxes until the date of delinquency, at which time she closes her books and sends a list of all unpaid taxes to the Tax Collector, along with a warrant ordering him to collect all delinquent taxes by all legal means.

The public can be of help to the Treasurer by immediately reporting any errors in tax bills, as they are required by law to do. If a poll tax is billed to one who is not liable for payment, or if a tax bill is for the wrong amount, the receiver should notify the Treasurer at once. If these things are allowed to go uncorrected until

the delinquency date, and they often do, it causes a lot of complicated book work and may cost both the taxpayer and the town some money.

## THE TAX COLLECTOR

After the delinquency date as stated on the tax bill, the Treasurer closes her books and sends the Tax Collector a list of all unpaid taxes. This delinquency date is rigidly enforced and applies to every account. It may seem brutal to charge fees and interest on a tax which comes in one day late, but it must be done to assure equal treatment for everybody.

The Treasurer receives .05 from each tax for making out the list and the Tax Collector's warrant. This is the origin of the Warrant Fee which puzzles many people when it shows up on a delinquent tax notice.

The Tax Collector figures the amount of each delinquent tax. He adds eight percent as a collection fee, the .05 warrant fee, and interest at the rate of 1 / 2 of one percent per month. He then sends a delinquent tax notice to each account on the first of each month.

The Tax Collector has no authority to change the amount of a tax or to remove it from his list. Once listed, a tax must be either paid or abated. This points up the importance of having all taxes which are in error corrected as soon as received. The Board of Civil Authority meets during December of each year for the abatement of uncollectable taxes. This is the only time when a tax can be removed from the list without payment. The Board will listen to only very good and legal reasons for abatement.

The Tax Collector has been criticized for not abating the 8 percent collection fee in some cases. He can not do this. If he abated it for one and not for all, he would be in a lot of trouble. There is some objection to the stern language of the Delinquent Tax Notice. The local collector has no control over this. The form is required by law.

After a poll tax has been delinquent for a reasonable time, the Tax Collector must, after legally required notice procedure, send the taxpayer's name and driver's license number to the Motor Vehicle

Department with a request that the license be suspended. This procedure is so well enforced and so well known that it seldom has to be used.

If other methods fail, the Tax Collector uses court action to collect delinquent taxes, with all court costs and legal fees added to the tax bill. Real estate taxes may be collected through the sale of the property involved.

Each year, the Collector becomes involved in unpleasant affairs having to do with property which has been sold during the year, with the buyer and seller squabbling over who is liable for the tax. Real estate taxes are the liability of the owner on April first. Parties involved in a real estate sale must make a tax agreement and settle the matter between them. Neither the Treasurer nor the Tax Collector can pro-rate taxes, but they are willing to help by supplying information.

### **THE CONSTABLE**

The office of Constable has it's origin in English common law and has existed for many centuries. Down through the years, the duties of the office have varied with the times.

In early Vermont, the Constable was a very important town officer. He was charged with collecting and distributing all tax monies. He handled much of the town's correspondence. Most of the early communications from the state government and the legislature were addressed to the Constable.

Our present day Constable still has many duties connected with elections and town meetings. He is called in on neighborhood squabbles, breach of peace cases, and dog violations, but he is mainly concerned with regular police work. Today's rapid rise in the incidence of robbery, vandalism, and traffic accidents has increased the work of the Constable way beyond what it was ever intended to be. The Constable is always on call and almost constantly busy. The State Police often ask for his assistance in covering accidents on Interstate 91 until they can get to the scene.

Even with the help of the special officers which have been appointed by the Selectmen, the Constable's job is now too big to be a part time project. Whether we like it or not, our quiet rural community now needs the services of a full time, uniformed and well equipped police force.

## ROAD-NAMING COMMITTEE REPORT

In March 1969, the town voted to spend \$500 to have road-name signs made and erected. The road-naming committee obtained prices for signs and pipe from various sources and found that the signs available from the Vermont Prison Industries were the best choice. The pipe was purchased from Nick Marro, of Claremont.

The expenditures were:

40 road signs at \$4.75	\$190.00
40 pipe caps at \$1.10	44.00
40 lengths (11 ft.) of 2" gal. pipe at \$5.88"	235.20
Total	\$469.20

The cement for setting the pipe was donated by Roger Eastman. The signs were installed by the Ascutney and West Weathersfield Fire Dept's. and the Selectmen.

We have on hand 7 lengths of pipe and 7 caps and 3 signs that have not yet been installed. (The extra four lengths of pipe are due to the fact that at a few crossroads 2 signs were able to be attached to one pipe). The unerected signs are for Perkins Hill, Bellows Road, and Upper Falls Road (which is a duplicate since the Village of Perkinsville has already put up a sign there).

There are 11 roads on our list which now have no road signs and there are about 5 new roads which have been accepted by the Town. These signs would be a convenience to the people of the Town but are not urgent. If the Town feels that it can afford to erect the rest of the signs the total cost would be:

Breakdown of costs:

18 signs at \$4.75	\$ 85.50
12 pipe caps at \$1.10	13.20
12 11ft. x 2" gal pipe at \$5.88"	70.56
Total	\$169.26

The road naming committee consists of Percy Bliss, Howard Johnson, Mike Kamel, Karl Stevens, Andrew Titcomb, Roy Windus, and Lois Cann.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Cann  
Chairman

**WEST WEATHERSFIELD  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

On January 29, 1968 the West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department was organized and working with the Ascutney Fire Department, to furnish better fire protection for the town of Weathersfield.

It costs a lot of money to run a department with the equipment we now have. With the \$2,000 from the Town of Weathersfield Tax money and with proceeds from our hard work and fund raising projects, we now have this equipment to serve you; A 1952 Diamond T pumper; a 1955 Diamond T 1000 gallon tanker; a 1962 International pick-up; two portable pumps, pack pumps; generator and flood lights; hose and other hand tools.

We now have only one telephone number 263-5551 to report a fire and a call list to call firemen out faster.

The West Weathersfield Fire Department is now a member of the Connecticut River Valley Fire Mutual Aid Association. The Ascutney Fire Department also is a member. We have three two-way radios and Ascutney has one, so we have radio connection with each other and with Mutual Aid center in Springfield.

This year the department responded to all calls; two car fire, two chimney fires, two brush fires, one trailer fire and three out of town fires. We held 12 business meetings and about twenty-five drills and work nights when needed.

Officers of the West Weathersfield Fire Department:

Chief	Clarence Grover
Deputy Chief	Dennis Richardson
Ass't Chief	Ronald Lockwood
Captain	Kerry Stapleton
Lieutenant	Allen Churchill
Secretary - Treasurer	Kenneth Murray

Trustees

Warren Child
Leslie Spencer
Russell Aldridge
Allan Hazeltine
Leroy Guyette

Reported by;  
Clarence Grover, Jr. -- Chief

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR 1969  
West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc.

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 1-1-68	\$ 2,170.27
Reimbursment for fires by	
Town of Weathersfield	317.40
Appropriation by Town of	
Weathersfield	2,000.00
Donations	255.00
Reimbursments for Article's bought	183.12
Fund Raising No. 1.	1,169.14
Fund Raising No. 2.	1,166.50
Fund Raising No. 3.	393.00
Fund Raising No. 4.	160.00
Fund Raising No. 5.	20.00
Fund Raising No. 6.	122.00
 Total Receipts 1969	 \$ 7,956.43

## DISBURSEMENTS:

“120” CLUB	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	21.45
Refill Extinguishers	19.00
Rent and Heat	120.00
Telephone	26.82
Gas, Lube, and Oil	181.06
Equipment, Tanker, Radios, Antenna, Hose, Nozzle, and Tools	2,181.45
Repairs and Maintenance	812.67
Interest on loan	122.12
Principal on loan	1,500.00
Misc. Fund Raising Items, Plowing, Insurance, etc.	603.41
 Total Disbursments 1969	 \$ 7,088.98
Total Receipts	\$ 7,956.43
Total Disbursments	7,088.98
 Balance on Hand 1-1-70	 \$ 867.45

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kenneth Murray  
 Treasurer  
 W.W.V.F.D. Inc.

## ASCUTNEY VOL. FIRE ASSOCIATION 1969

### Receipts:

Fires	\$ 247.60
Sale-Fire extinguisher (fund raising)	260.80
Suppers (fund raising)	725.50
Donations	200.30
Raffles	110.50
Town of Weathersfield	2,000.00
Insurance rebate	2.90
 Balance 1968	 \$3,547.60
Balance Jan. 1, 1970 (Bank)	1,686.38
	832.12
	 \$6,066.10

## Expenses

Re-Hinckley Co. -- Fuel	\$ 164.69
Kidders Am.	105.19
Insurance	448.80
Calendar Ad.	2.40
Registration	6.00
Savings Account	800.00
Mutual Aid	5.00
Plowing	15.00
Hall Rent	16.00
Service charges	1.50
C.V.P.S.	36.50
Postage	17.68
Supper Exp.	275.62
Equipment supplies & Repairs	2,749.25
1950 Diamond T 500 gal. Pumper	800.00
 Total Expenses	 \$5,443.73
 Balance on Hand Jan.1, 1970	 \$ 622.37

January 24, 1970

## Taxpayers of Weathersfield, Vermont

The enclosed balance sheet shows our operation for 1969. The \$2,000.00 received from the town was spent wisely so that, together with the West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department, the whole town now has fire protection. We still have fund raising projects to help with additional necessary equipment.

We were most fortunate in locating an excellent 500 GPM pumper which carries 1,000 Gals. of water. When fitted with additional items to meet our needs this truck will be a big asset for the protection of property in Weathersfield.

In 1969 we had 15 fires and 29 meetings and drills. There are 26 active members in our department. We continue to look ahead and plan our operation and equipment so we will be ready when you need us. Your suggestions and help are most welcome.

Ascutney Volunteer Fire Assoc.,  
Henry C. Cobb, Chief

## The Health Officer's Report for 1969

The diseases reported to me to be reported to the State Health Department were as follows:

Chicken pox, 14 cases; Measles, 3 cases; Scarlet Fever, 1 case; Mumps, 2 cases; Dog bites, 6 cases.

Had several complaints of sewage disposal problems. Helped out with different clinics held in Ascutney and Perkinsville. Disposed of food that had thawed from freezer in Ascutney School.

It has been reported from State Department of Health that water samples have not been sent in for analysis from Ascutney Water System for the period August 7, 1969 to November 26, 1969.

In order to help prevent some of the public intestinal upsets, etc, these samples should be submitted at least twelve times a year.

It has been requested from State Department of Health that local health officer, in case of housing developments, to make certain that 20,000 and 40,000 square foot lot size regulation be adhered to, in case of trailer parks that the plans for water and sewage, etc. be submitted to the State Health Department prior to the development starting. Consequently, if developments are progressing without approval, it is possible for the local health officer to prevent this from continuing until he has been assured that such approval exists. It is much easier to prevent a health hazard than it is to correct it.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Johnson, LPN  
Health Officer



WEATHERSFIELD  
SCHOOL REPORT

1969



**TREASURER'S STATEMENT  
1969**

January 1, 1969 Cash on hand & bank	\$ 22,889.77
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**Receipts:**

Short Term Loans	170,000.00
Bus Fares	968.85
Poll Taxes	3,318.81
R. E. Taxes	207,976.05
Flood Taxes	6,413.20
State Aid	132,118.00
Re-imbursement on School Bonds	4,279.40
State of Vt. Hot Lunch Program	1,467.81
Re-imbursements	1,390.79
Sale of Old Bus	100.00
Refunds	474.65
Misc.	199.76
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	\$551,597.09

**Disbursements:**

Administration	
Salaries	\$ 7,353.45
Others	2,006.42
Instructional	
Salaries	79,472.15
Secretaries	2,328.58
Teacher's Aid	255.17
Books	1,685.36
Audio & Library	2,688.70
Supplies	3,971.92
Others	700.58
Health	146.41
Transportation	
Services	
(Salary & Contract)	16,294.48
Gas & Oil	1,219.23
Repairs	469.23
Others	310.50

<b>Operation of Plant</b>	
Salaries	5,273.16
Services	92.00
Heat	4,245.54
Electricity	4,317.66
Telephone	457.28
Supplies	1,77.42
Maintenance	2,930.01
Fixed Charges	7,517.20
Hot Lunch Program	1,870.04
Student Activities	90.00
Community Services	46.80
Capital Outlay	12,295.36
Bonds & Interest	24,375.80
Tuition	126,839.84
Short Term Loan	170,000.00
Payroll Deductions	37,108.33
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	<b>518,133.62</b>
<b>January 1, 1970 Cash on hand &amp; bank</b>	<b>\$ 33,463.48</b>

## 1970-71 WEATHERSFIELD BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	1969 Estimate	Dec. 31, 1969 Actual	Budgeted Jan. 1 - June 30, 1970	Budgeted July 1, 1970 - June 30, 1971
<b>Administration</b>				
School Board	\$ 650.00	\$ 581.88	\$ 450.00	\$ 650.00
Supt. Office		7,741.75	4,850.00	11,043.58
Town Treas.	6,010.00	1,044.20	540.00	1,050.00
Office	1,050.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 7,710.00</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 9,367.83</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 5,840.00</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 12,743.58</b>

**Health Services**

<b>Instruction</b>				
Salaries	118,329.00	118,569.15	92,400.25	163,513.00
Books	6,810.00	3,732.42		6,928.36
Supplies	4,000.00	3,839.78		4,954.06
Other	800.00	710.28		2,230.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>\$129,939.00</b>	<hr/> <b>\$126,851.63</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 92,400.25</b>	<hr/> <b>\$177,625.42</b>
<b>Health Services</b>				
	259.00	146.41		975.00

**Transportation**

<b>Transportation</b>				
Salaries	2,655.00	2,775.00	1,800.00	2,955.00
Contracted	12,960.00	14,025.05	9,072.00	15,120.00
Other	6,940.00	8,346.96	1,400.00	2,660.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 22,555.00</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 25,147.01</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 12,272.00</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 20,735.00</b>

### Operation of Plant

Salaries	6,000.00	6,559.42	6,900.00
Contracted Services	200.00	92.00	800.00
Heat	3,500.00	4,245.54	4,300.00
Utilities	4,850.00	4,774.39	7,950.00
Supplies	1,300.00	1,772.97	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,444.32</b>	<b>\$ 21,950.00</b>
Maintenance of Plant	4,000.00	3,041.45	100.00
<b>Fixed</b>			
Social Security	5,300.00	5,304.25	4,000.00
Insurance	3,555.00	3,601.20	1,225.00
Interest on Current Loans	3,430.00	4,708.55	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,614.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,225.00</b>
<b>Hot Lunch Subsidy</b>			
Student Activities	100.00	90.00	300.00
Capital Outlay	6,085.00	5,731.24	14,450.00



RECEIPTS

	Dec. 31, 1969	Jan. 1 -	July 1, 1970 -
	Actual	June 30, 1970	June 30, 1971
Balance	\$ 20,004.34	\$ 22,889.77	\$ 33,463.47
St. & Aid Lunch, General	81,873.20	133,585.81	130,000.00
 6 Taxes	 220,287.43	 211,294.86	 171,287.93
Flood Damage	3,000.00	6,413.20	6,500.00
Bus Fares	850.00	1,060.35	700.00
Refunds & Misc.	50.00	2,084.54	500.00
20 per cent State Reimb. on Bonded Indebtedness	8,212.85	4,279.40	3,980.60
 TOTAL	 <hr/> \$334,277.82	 <hr/> \$381,607.93	 <hr/> \$209,932.00
			\$480,399.00

**TREASURERS STATEMENT  
SCHOOL BUILDING FUND**

January 1, 1969	Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 39,814.14
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Receipts:

Loans

First National Bank-	
Springfield	\$156,934.94
National Bank of Boston	
Bonds, interest and premium	191,904.64
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	348,839.58
State Building Award-Rec'd Feb. 3, 1970	43,314.35
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	\$431,968.07

Disbursements:

First National Bank of Springfield	
Payment of loans	\$183,934.94
Interest on loans	3,686.40
Neil H. Daniels, Contractor	187,789.00
Alfred T. Granger, Architect	4,901.85
National Shawmut Bank of	
Boston Services & disbursments	1,407.75
Spaulding Co., Inc.	5.25
Public Seating Inc.	3,052.50
J.L. Hammett Co.	1,507.50
Wood Bros. & Associates	822.00
Direct Equipment Distributors	62.18
Interest on outstanding loans	578.31
Irene P. Hoyt Treas. (2 years)	150.00
Bank Charge	.65
First Nat'l Bank \$43,000-	
-Int. \$322.50	43,322.50
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	431,220.83
January 1, 1970 Cash on hand & in bank	747.24
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	\$431,968.07

## THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Directors are actually officers of the State of Vermont. They are officers of the Weathersfield Town School District and the Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union, both of which are subdivisions of our State Government.

The School Directors and the Selectmen are the heads of two entirely separate organizations, each with it's own responsibilities, authority, and budget. The Treasurer serves both organizations, but with separate bank accounts, records, and accounting systems.

The School Board is a legislative, or executive, body. It's duty is to determine the educational requirements of the town and to establish a system to meet the need, subject to the wishes of the voters, the State regulations, and the amount of money available. Having established policies as to curriculum and administration, they turn the actual management of the system over to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent and his assistant are hired by the Supervisory Union Board, consisting of the School Boards of the towns of Hartland, West Windsor, Weathersfield, and three members from the Windsor Board. The Superintendent is responsible for the functioning of the school systems of the four towns. He maintains an office and staff in Windsor.

The Superintendent's office does the bookkeeping for the Weathersfield School Board. The office staff keeps all records, makes all purchases, and receives all bills. They make out the orders for salaries and bills payable, and submit the orders to the School Board for approval and signature before the orders go to the Treasurer for payment.

The School Board and the Superintendent each have their own roles to play in the running of our school system. They are so dependent upon each other that they must act with complete cooperation and confidence. In actual practice, the Superintendent attends School Board meetings and supplies much of the information required by the Board in the making of decisions. Most of the Board's decisions, including the budget, are made with the advice of the Superintendent.

Our School Directors are the contact between the public and the school system. They can listen to the opinions of the towns people and make decisions accordingly. Only through public opinion can they learn whether they are doing their job according to the wishes of the voters. For this reason, they ask for committees to advise them on matters of curriculum and building problems.

It is important for us to realize that no one School Director can take action alone. Decisions must be made by the Board at an official meeting. We can help the School Board by making sure that any problems or suggestions which we may bring to them are well thought out and well explained.

### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT**

We submit the following report to the citizens of the Weathersfield Town School District:

#### **ASCUTNEY SCHOOL**

School children in Ascutney moved into a bright, new school addition. The new building library here has nearly doubled the use of library books as compared to last year, while the new, multi-purpose room has resulted in increased community use of the building.

The primary grades at Ascutney have been increasing enrollments (as high as 35 in Grade 1 during January, 1970) thus an additional, full-time teacher will be required for next year. A part-time teacher was employed in January 1970 to help teach phonics and reading to a part of the first grade. Grade four moved into the "extra" room in the new section leaving their old room for the use of the primary grades.

Through the courtesy of the Claremont Cable T.V. Company, the Ascutney School has three, new cable connections. The school is now receiving educational channels 2 from Boston and 11 from Durham, N. H. This is in addition to the Vermont Channel 41.

The P.T.G. and Boy Scouts have completed, except for planting, the memorial to Mrs. Iris Way. The memorial will consist of a stone wall surrounding the birch tree located in front of the building.

The construction of the new addition necessitated the movement of almost all playground equipment. This equipment, along with some new equipment, was relocated by some of the School's fathers. We are especially grateful for the generous help we received with moving and reinstalling of the Ascutney School playground equipment.

The Ascutney School joined several other schools in the area in participation in the Mt. Ascutney Ski program for elementary schools.

### **PERKINSVILLE SCHOOL**

The curriculum up-dating at Perkinsville is continuing toward an individualized program of instruction, with continued thoughts toward the non-graded program that we began planning during the 1968-1969 school year.

We are trying an afternoon program with a "Broad Fields" approach in which two teachers work together in a Language Arts Program with 7th and 8th graders. The program has met with a certain degree of success in that students have shown an interest in dramatics and have put on some very fine plays in the all-purpose room. The fifth and sixth grades are working on a similar program.

We are also fortunate to have a creative arts program whereby the boys have even tried their hand at such activities as baking cakes, and the girls have been able to do some sewing.

Mr. Sczerba's feeling in regard to a school building is that it should be in use as much as possible, therefore, he was delighted when interested parents offered to start an evening basketball program for the boys of Grades 5 through 8.

Grades 1 through 3 have been working on revising the reporting system so the parents can better understand what their child is doing in school.

A special note of appreciation is certainly due the Parent-Teacher Organization of both schools for their tireless and very helpful work.

## ENROLLMENT -- SEPT. 10, 1969

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Ascutney</i>	<i>Perkinsville</i>	<i>Windsor</i>	<i>Tuition Pupils Springfield</i>	<i>Claremont</i>	<i>Other</i>
1	30	23				
2	27	22				
3	20	19				
4	20	23				
5	15	24				
6	15	19				
7	19	24				
8	22	16				
9			10	28		1
10			15	31	1	
11			8	26		
12			8	22	1	
	158	169	41	107	2	1

## STAFF

### Ascutney School: Grade

Bushor, Sandra	3	All subjects
Cross, Judith	4 through 8	Mathematics
Hall, Helen	5 and 6	Science (P.M.)
Laber, Connie	1	All subjects
LaPointe, Donald	4, 7 and 8	Science & Principal
McCoy, Evelyn	4 through 8	Social Studies
Mosman, Judith	2	All subjects
Rhoad, Thomas	4 through 8	Reading
Stillson, Grace	4 through 8	Language Arts
Williams, Anne	1 through 8	Music
Graham, Esther		Librarian
Houghton, Marilyn		Secretary

## **Perkinsville School:**

Bellows, Virginia	4	All subjects
Dietz, Francis	5 through 8	Social Studies
Dietz, Francis	7 and 8	Language Arts
Harriman, Mary	1	All subjects
LaPointe, Barbara	2	All subjects
Richardson, Barbara	5 through 8	Reading
Richardson, Barbara	5	Language Arts
Szcerba, Frank	5 through 8	Science & Principal
Shannis, Lynda	3	All subjects
Washburn, Norma	5 through 8	Mathematics
Washburn, Norma	6	Language Arts
Hall, Helen		Reading (Fed. Funds)
Harrington, Wands	1 through 8	Physical Education
Phinney, Janice		Teacher Aide
Williams, Anne	1 through 8	Music
Whittemore, Dorothy		Librarian
Stapleton, Doris		Secretary

Roger W. Eastman, Chairman

Helen W. May, Clerk

Agnes S. Torp

School Directors

James E. Tierney

Superintendent of Schools

David A. Majercik,

Assistant Superintendent

**RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN  
WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT**

**BIRTHS**

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Molly Bigelow Sinclair	F	Jan. 3rd	Weathersfield	Dr. John Fleming Sinclair	Nancy Leland Bigelow
Kelly Sue Lique	F	Feb. 11th	Perkinsville	Clifford Frederick Lique	Georgia Lorraine Roys
Steven Glenn Bostock	M	Feb. 19th	Perkinsville	John Milton Bostock	Margaret Elizabeth Willhite
Michelle Rene Perham	F	Apr. 14th	Weathersfield	Steven Joseph Perham	Donna Elaine Connor
Jason Allen Lique	M	Apr. 20th	Perkinsville	Daniel Raymond Lique	Isabel Lydia Webber
Brian Neal Dana	M	May 16th	Weathersfield	Harvey Milton Dana	Karla Marion Woodbury
Donald Ernest Lagro	M	June 14th	Weathersfield	Donald Elwyn Lagro, Jr.	Donna Marie Parker
Roger Graham Eastman, Jr.	M	June 25th	Perkinsville	Roger Graham Eastman	Pauline Ellen Hazeltine
Tanara Sue Ballantine	F	July 26th	Weathersfield	Richard Arthur Ballantine	Gloria Jean Clark
David Perham Ellis	M	Aug. 10	Perkinsville	Walter Perham Ellis	Marjorie Kay Alex
Marie Annette Theriault	F	Aug. 20th	Weathersfield	Douglas Paul Theriault	Jo Ann Saucier
Mark Alan Moore	M	Aug. 26th	Amsden	Francis Windsor Moore	Eleanor Joyce Doyle
Edward Twardoz, III	M	Aug. 29th	Amsden	Edward Twardoz, Jr.	Marie Concetta Gargiulo
James Michael Kamel	M	Oct. 6th	Weathersfield	Michael Joseph Kamel	Doris Fairbanks
James Michael Kamel	F	Oct. 14th	Perkinsville	Philip Leon Davis	Dorita Ann Brown
Marie Elizabeth Davis	M	Dec. 13th	Perkinsville	Gerald Howard Cole	Carol Ann Balch
Kellie Marie Dana	F	Dec. 22nd	Weathersfield	Donald Paul Dana	Paula Marie -----
Mark Ashley Snow	M	Dec. 31st	Weathersfield	David Raymond Snow	Linda Louise Darling

## MARRIAGES

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place of Marriage
Francis Edmund Mahoney	Springfield, Vt.	Cheryl Lee Goddard	Perkinsville	Jan. 25th	Springfield, Vt.
John P. Waters	WindSOR, Vt.	Dianne L. Harford	Weathersfield	Feb. 15th	Windsor, Vt.
Douglas Paul Theriault	West Enfield, Me.	Jo Ann Sauzier	Weathersfield	Feb. 15th	Windsor, Vt.
Robert Stewart Shaton	Springfield, Vt.	Barbara Sue Davis	Weathersfield	Mar. 1st	Windsor, Vt.
Timothy Marshall Clossen	Weathersfield	Deborah Jean Stokes	Sunland, Cal.	Mar. 4th	Springfield, Vt.
Herbert Carleton Brown, Jr.	Perkinsville	Carol Ann Markwell	Reading	Apr. 26th	Brownsville, Vt.
Robert Edward Ryan	Worcester, Mass	Mary Fidelia Ayers	Weathersfield	Apr. 26th	Ascutney, Vt.
Dale Delbert Clough	Weathersfield	Linda Rae Brown	Weathersfield	Apr. 26th	Springfield, Vt.
James Henry Neil	Claremont	Susan Louise Hinkley	Weathersfield	May 10th	Ascutney, Vt.
Wayne Roger Leonard	Charlestown, N.H.	Darlene Rose Gray	Weathersfield	June 21st	Ascutney, Vt.
Henry Charles Cobb, Jr.	Ascutney, Vt.	Mary Patricia Doolittle	Springfield, Vt.	June 21st	Brownsville, Vt.
William Henry Stocker	Weathersfield	Maureen Priscilla Gilman	Cornish, N.H.	June 28th	WindSOR, Vt.
Kenneth Alfred Domey	Springfield, Vt.	Beverly Elaine Porter	Weathersfield	June 28th	Weathersfield, Vt.
David Earle French	Weathersfield	Lorraine Ellen Carpenter	Weathersfield	July 4th	Perkinsville, Vt.
Gary Ernest Bacon	Claremont	Mary Lou Hagen	Weathersfield	July 5th	WindSOR, Vt.
Andre Dale Ingalls	Weathersfield	Martha Jane Farmsworth	Weathersfield	July 12th	Weathersfield, Vt.
Leighton Atwood Perry	Orford, N.H.	Linda Joyce Wilsey	Weathersfield	July 19th	Weathersfield, Vt.
Clifton R. Burdette	Perkinsville	Lynn H. Duquette	Boscawen, N.H.	Aug. 31st	Penacook, N.H.
John Laurence Allen	Hartford, Conn.	Susan Bishop	Weathersfield	Sept. 6th	Springfield, Vt.
Richard Whalen Lawlor	Waterbury, Conn.	Mary Rose Johnson	Weathersfield	Sept. 6th	Springfield, Vt.
Charles Henry Short	Claremont, N.H.	Nancy Lee Adams	Lebanon, N.H.	Sept. 27th	Weathersfield, Vt.
Gary Leland Chambers	North Springfield	Nancy Lin Olney	Weathersfield	Oct. 11th	Cavendish, Vt.
David Aldis McAllister	Weathersfield	Sharon Lee Collins	Windsor, Vt.	Oct. 25th	WindSOR, Vt.
Sgt. Edmond J. Gendron	Weathersfield	Andrea C. Gratton	Windsor	Nov. 15th	WindSOR, Vt.
Roger Lyle McNeil	Weathersfield	Yvonne Jeanette Grout	Weathersfield	Nov. 30th	Springfield, Vt.
Thomas Soujanen	Newport, N.H.	Carleen Alberta LaFountaine	Newport	Dec. 6th	Perkinsville, Vt.
Percy Irving Bliss	Weathersfield	Dorothy Flagg Cousland	Hartland, Vt.	Dec. 18th	Weathersfield, Vt.

## DEATHS

Name	Sex	Age	Date	Place of Death	Residence	Place of Burial
Guy Rumrill	M	83	Jan. 3	Springfield, Vt.	Weathersfield	Oakland Cemetery, Springfield.
Taylor W. Mead	F	71	Jan. 5	Daytona Beach, Fla.		Ascutneyville Cemetery
Florette E. Anderson	F	82	Feb. 3	Claremont, N.H.		Ascutneyville Cemetery
Clarence Willis Randall	M	43	Mar. 4	North Lebanon, Maine		Ascutneyville Cemetery
Linwood Herbert Baker	M	30	Apr. 13	Claremont, N.H.		Ascutneyville Cemetery
Anna B. Clark	M	67	Apr. 28	Claremont, N.H.		Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Paul Stoodley	M	83	June 23	Berlin, Vt.	Weathersfield	N. Street Cemetery, Chester, Vt.
Laura H. Wright	F	15	July 12	Springfield, Vt.	Weathersfield	Forest Hill Cem., Claremont, N.H.
Jane W. B. Parry	F	19	July 27	Chester Depot, Vt.	Weathersfield	Pine Grove Cem., N. Springfield
Gary Ernest Bacon	M	76	July 30	Weathersfield	Weathersfield Bow	Mt. View Cem., Claremont, N.H.
John Herbert Phillips	M	77	Sept. 17	Springfield	Perkinsville	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Willis C. Bates	M	84	Oct. 8	Claremont, N.H.		Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Robert R. Maxham	M	68	Nov. 7	Windsor, Vt.		Ascutney Cemetery
Sylvia Nicholson	F	37	Nov. 17	Springfield	Weathersfield	Pine Hill, Corbin, Kentucky
Charles Donald Adams	M	75	Nov. 22	Westminster, Vt.		Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Maurice Anderson	M	73	Dec. 10	Claremont, N.H.		Ascutneyville Cemetery

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## WARNING FOR WEATHERSFIELD TOWN MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1970**

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the MULTIPURPOSE ROOM IN THE ASCUTNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT on Tuesday, MARCH 3, 1970 at 10:00 a.m. to vote by ballot for Town Officers, Town Manager and appointment of a Road Commissioner as follows:

Article 1. To elect Town Officers by Australian Ballot. The ballot box will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. and will take place at the MULTIPURPOSE ROOM IN THE ASCUTNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Article 2. Will the Town vote to take advantage of the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statues Annotated and authorize the Selectmen to employ a Town Manager? (By Australian Ballot)

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner? (By Australian Ballot)  
AND TO MEET AT 7:30 p.m. at the MULTIPURPOSE ROOM IN THE ASCUTNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Article 4. To act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1969.  
*as amended*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6. To see what the Town will vote to pay Town Officers for their services and travel expenses.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,200.00 for the Proctor Library and the Perkinsville Branch; \$50.00 of this sum to be used for the purchase of books for the War Memorial Library.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to be divided equally between the West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department for operation, equipment and buildings.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$55,000.00 in anticipation of Federal Aid from the Office of Emergency Preparedness to complete repairs from flood damages.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be matched by \$6,000.00 in State funds for construction on State Aid roads?

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$200.00 for the purpose of road signs to be installed in Weathersfield. (By request of the Sign Committee.)

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate \$150.00 to be used for the 1970 Memorial Day Parade by a Committee appointed by the Selectmen.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Chief of Police for the Town of Weathersfield.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to stabilize the Fair Market Value of the real estate and buildings of the Connecticut River Grange Number 518 and the Hawks Mountain Grange Number 499 at \$4,000.00 each? (By request)

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to install required improvements in fire detecting devices, fire protection systems, smoke detectors, new fire wall around furnace in Old Brick Building (Perkinsville), shut-offs for fuel lines from tanks to furnace, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00, less anticipated 30 per cent State Aid.

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to have an area back of the Perkinsville School black-topped at a cost of \$1,500.00 less anticipated 30 per cent State Aid.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the School - Directors to change their fiscal year from January 1st - December 31st, to July 1st - June 30th, to coincide with other towns in the District, and the State fiscal year?

Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Windsor County Mental Health Service Corporation? (Funds from state \$600.00).

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate \$400.00 for the Lebanon Regional Airport Authority? (By request)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to support the Visiting Nurses Association? (By request.)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to start its annual meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the day before the first Tuesday of March to transact at that time any business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot and to be held on the first Tuesday of March. The meeting so started to be adjourned until the following day according to V.S.A. Title 24 Section 702 amended 1961.

Article 23. To see if the Town will take advantage of Title 24- Section 714 V.S.A. amended and elect two additional selectmen to serve one year terms. (By request) *in School Board*

Article 24. To see if the Town will instruct the auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the auditors of accounts as provided for in Title 24, Section 1692-1697 to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town?

Article 25. To see if the Town will direct the Listers to classify clearly in the Grand List Book the types of all personal property appraised. (By request)

Article 26. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of \$1,850.00 as a standby fee for the Golden Cross Ambulance Service of Claremont, New Hampshire?

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:

To pay taxes to the Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due August 1st all delinquent poll taxes payable to the tax collector with interest at the rate of one half of one percent per month and collection fees added.

To have real and personal property taxes due August 1st and to be paid in two equal payments. The first payment delinquent after September 1st and to be paid in two equal payments. The first payment delinquent after September 1st, and the second payment delinquent after December 1st. And to charge interest at the rate of one-half per cent per month on delinquent taxes.

All unpaid real and personal property taxes to be turned over to the tax collector after December 31st.

Article 28. To transact any other business necessary and proper. Dated at Weathersfield, Vermont, January 31, 1970.

Irving A. McCoy

Karl Stevens

Henry N. Hicks

Weathersfield Selectmen

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Wilgus State Forest Park

C. A. Murray Photo

**TOWN OF  
WEATHERSFIELD**  
**Annual Report 1970**



**Col. William J. Wilgus**

(from the Claremont Daily Eagle, October 24, 1949)

Colonel William J. Wilgus, a courtly gentleman of the old school, was an internationally-famous civil engineer and one of Weathersfield's most distinguished residents.

Colonel Wilgus, joined by his wife, Gertrude B. Wilgus, both of Weathersfield, on the 27th of January, 1933 deeded to the State of Vermont about 150 acres of land in Weathersfield "to be forever maintained and preserved as a State Forest Park and kept open to the public for recreational purposes" according to the record in Vol. 28 on pages 249-250 of the Weathersfield Land Records. So a delightful surprise awaits travelers along U.S. Route 5 who stop at Wilgus State Park Camping Area bordering the Connecticut River.

Because of the Colonel's foresight they will have an opportunity "in peace and quietude fully to enjoy the river frontage, open spaces and woodland on said tract of land in their natural picturesque setting." Stone fireplaces and picnic tables are provided and camping facilities are available in this lovely woodland area bordered by the Connecticut River in Weathersfield.

Among Colonel Wilgus' accomplishments these should be noted: An achievement among many of which the Colonel was modestly proud was the "transformation and transfiguration" of the New York Central from 70 years of "heterogeneous weakness" to strength, culminating in his creation of Grand Central Terminal.

He built a tunnel in sections and sank them in the Detroit River where they were joined together under water. As deputy general of transportation in the American Expeditionary Forces 1917-1919, he was commended by the late General John Pershing, his personal friend, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

"He dreamed the dream of the New York Port Authority. The vast Pulaski skyway over the Elizabeth marshes in New Jersey, the Holland Tunnel and the West Side Superhighway in New York City - all these, and more, were the product of Wilgus' genius in one degree or another," so wrote John McLane Clark following the death of Colonel Wilgus, on October 25, 1949 in Claremont, N.H. where he had moved in 1946. He was 83.

While living in New York in September 1922, Colonel Wilgus had

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## Weathersfield Town Officers 1970

Moderator		Melvin R. Butterfield
Town Clerk		Elizabeth G. Murray
Selectman to 1971		Henry N. Hicks
Selectman to 1972	Karl G. Stevens, resigned	
Selectman to 1973	By appointment to March 1971	Raymond E. Denault
School Director to 1971		Robert G. Brogdale
School Director to 1972		Roger W. Eastman
School Director to 1973		Agnes Torp
Road Commissioner		Peter M. Daniels
Lister to 1971		Howard L. Johnson
Lister to 1972	Frank Houghton, resigned	Walter O. Murray
Lister to 1973	By appointment to March 1971	Robert C. Follett
Auditor to 1971		Frank W. Brown
Auditor to 1972	Enid S. Barr, resigned	Barbara Lockwood
Auditor to 1973	By appointment to March 1971	Rebecca W. Connor
Treasurer		Josephine L. Brigham
Trustee of Public Money to 1971		Irene P. Hoyt
Trustee of Public Money to 1972		Andrew A. Titcomb
Trustee of Public Money to 1973		Percy I. Bliss
Tax Collector		Helen W. May
First Constable		John L. Hurd
Second Constable		Robert Z. Gale
Town Agent		Dennis G. Richardson, Sr.
Town Grand Juror		Andrew A. Titcomb
Cemetery Commissioner to 1971		Leon M. Cleveland
Cemetery Commissioner to 1972		Grace Stevens
Cemetery Commissioner to 1973		Louise W. Covell
Cemetery Commissioner to 1974		Herman S. Young
Cemetery Commissioner to 1975		Andrew A. Titcomb
Library Trustee to 1971		Celia P. Martin
Library Trustee to 1972		Eva G. Spaulding
Library Trustee to 1973		Grace M. Stillson
Library Trustee to 1974		Muriel F. Raymond
Library Trustee to 1975		Vera Murray
		Eliza J. Connor

## **Officers By Appointment**

Town Manager	Karl Stevens
Chief of Police	Robert Z. Gale
Administrative Officer of Interim Zoning	Karl Stevens
Interim Zoning Board	Board of Selectmen
Assistant Town Clerks	C. A. Murray, Helen W. May
Assistant Treasurer	Angelina J. Hurd
Chairman of Civil Defense	Percy I. Bliss
Assistant Chairman of Civil Defense	Richard A. Connor
Tree Warden & Forest Fire Warden	Percy I. Bliss
Deputy Fire Warden	Clarence N. Grover, Jr.
Fence Viewers	Alan Hitchcock, Walter O. Murray, Michael Kamel
Administrative Officer Sign Control Ordinance	Andrew A. Titcomb
Health Officer	Raymond E. Denault
Trustees, Martin Memorial Hall	Thelma C. Hastings, Celia P. Martin and Thomas B. Alexander
Town Service Officer	Everett Bryant

## **Elected at General Election November 3, 1970**

Justices of the Peace (Term for two years: February 1, 1971 to January 31, 1973)  
Percy I. Bliss, Norman J. Corey, Robert C. Follett,  
Charles A. Murray, Walter O. Murray, William C. Waite,  
Herman S. Young

Reapportioned House: District 53 (Cavendish-Weathersfield)  
Representative elected at General Election, November 3, 1970  
Henry N. Hicks of Weathersfield

Each year in March, town officers meetings are held to update information concerning the duties of these officers. The meetings also provide opportunity for town officers to become acquainted with State officials and officers from other towns. Meetings in 1971 near Weathersfield are:

March 9 Town Hall, Bellows Falls  
March 10 Municipal Building, Woodstock

Newly elected Listers are especially urged to attend these meetings. Registration starts around 9 a.m.

## **Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 1970**

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and the Town School District met at the Multipurpose Room in the Ascutney Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont at a legally warned meeting and began at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 1970 to act on the first three articles of the Warning.

Melvin Butterfield, Moderator, read the Warning and declared the ballot boxes open for the first three articles. Robert Z. Gale, First Constable, was on duty. The ballot boxes were declared closed at 6 p.m. by the Moderator and the meeting adjourned until 7:30 p.m.

The Weathersfield Board of Civil Authority began tallying the votes.

At 8:05 p.m. Melvin Butterfield, Moderator, reconvened the meeting and began with article 4 to read the Warning. Then he announced the results of the balloting:

Article 2. Voted Yes 186 to 174 No to take advantage of the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and authorize the Selectmen to employ a Town Manager.

Article 3. Voted Yes 262 to 93 No to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner.

Article 1. To elect Town Officers by Australian Ballot.  
Results of balloting:

Selectman for 3 years:

Robert G. Brogdale	131 votes	declared elected
Kenneth A. Domey	65 votes	
Raymond E. Denault	106 votes	
Irving A. McCoy	63 votes	
Spoiled ballots	8	

Total cast 373

School Director for 3 years:

Peter M. Daniels	278 votes	declared elected
Joan P. Mead	88 votes	
Blanks	4	
Scattering	3	

Moderator for 1 year:	
Melvin R. Butterfield	366 votes
Town Clerk for 1 year:	
Elizabeth G. Murray	352 votes
Lister for 3 years:	
Frank W. Brown	249 votes declared elected
Erna Polle	107 votes
Town Treasurer for 1 year:	
Irene P. Hoyt	355 votes
Tax Collector for 1 year:	
John L. Hurd	356 votes
Road Commissioner for 1 year:	
Howard L. Johnson	272 votes
Auditor for 3 years:	
Josephine L. Brigham	179 votes declared elected
Rebecca W. Connor	166 votes
First Constable for 1 year:	
Robert Z. Gale	349 votes
Second Constable for 1 year:	
Dennis G. Richardson, Sr.	214 votes declared elected
Arthur T. Connor	93 votes (as a write-in)
Trustee of Public Money for 3 years:	
Helen W. May	342 votes
Cemetery Commissioner for 5 years:	
Celia P. Martin	353 votes
Town Grand Juror for 1 year:	
Leon M. Cleveland	342 votes
Town Agent for 1 year:	
Andrew A. Titcomb	335 votes
Library Trustee for 5 years:	
Eliza J. Connor	347 votes

New Selectman, Robert G. Brogdale, was sworn into office by the Town Clerk, a Notary Public.

Melvin Butterfield made several announcements including the Town Officers Educational Conferences on March 10 in Bellows Falls and on March 11 in Woodstock. He read a

letter requesting that officials be sure the firehouses are plowed out immediately after snowstorms. He also read a letter praising Constable Robert Z. Gale for diligence in tracking down persons who have broken into several places in Weathersfield and Springfield.

He announced all proposed amendments to articles in the Warning were to be presented in writing.

Four retiring town officers were presented copies of Vermont, A Special World. They included Mrs. Helen W. May, who served so well as a School Director from 1963 to 1970 and is still a Trustee of Public Money and an Assistant Town Clerk; Perley L. Hoyt, retiring Lister after three years and in his younger days an Auditor and School Director; Irving A. McCoy, who served faithfully as a Selectman from 1957 until the present and before that was a Lister. A delayed thank-you was given to Richard A. Connor, who was absent from the meeting, who had served conscientiously as a School Director from 1952 to 1961 and as a first or second Constable from 1953 to 1968.

Roald Cann, a former School Director, made the presentations and quoted the Rev. Robert C. Yoh's words, "The character of individuals is what has fashioned Weathersfield ever since her charter was granted...and is what has fashioned her peculiar and particular character." "If we recognize that the character of our local government, so highly prized in Vermont, rests upon the character of individuals, then we are well along the road to good government. We have with us some of these people, who recognize these things. Some whom we have put in office. So we show them some of our gratitude and thanks."

Roald Cann also reported for the Zoning Study Committee (Peter Daniels, Stanley Flagg, Mrs. Joan Mead, Byron Parry, and Roald Cann as chairman). They presented a series of six articles through the news media ending with a questionnaire which they requested residents to answer and return to the committee. So far the response has been very small, Cann said. These answers are needed to get a fair idea of the wishes of the people as to zoning.

Article 4. To act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1969. Voted to consider it after Article 26.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6. Voted to pay town officers the same as we paid last year. (To pay Town Officers, with the exception of the Treasurer and the School Directors, \$1.75 a hour and 10¢ a mile for travel while on town business. The Treasurer to receive a 20% increase on her 1968 salary of \$2,700.00 which included travel expenses.)

Article 7. Voted to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate \$1,200.00 for the Proctor Library and the Perkinsville Branch, \$50.00 of this sum to be used for the purchase of books for the War Memorial Library.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to be divided equally between the West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department for operation, equipment and buildings. Voice vote.

Article 10. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$55,000.00 in anticipation of Federal Aid from the Office of Emergency Preparedness to complete repairs from flood damage. Voice vote.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be matched by \$6,000.00 in State funds for construction of State Aid roads. Voice vote.

Article 12. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$200.00 for the purpose of road signs to be installed in Weathersfield. Voice vote.

Article 13. Voted to appropriate \$150.00 to be used for the 1970 Memorial Day Parade by a committee appointed by the Selectmen. Voice vote.

Article 14. Article amended to read, "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the First Constable as Chief of Police for the Town of Weathersfield." Voted to amend the article. Then voted to accept the article as amended. Voice vote.

Article 15. Voted to stabilize the Fair Market Value of

the real estate and buildings of the Connecticut River Grange 518 and Hawks Mountain Grange 499 at \$4,000.00 (five years understood). Voice vote.

Article 16. Voted to authorize the School Directors to install required improvements in fire detecting devices, fire protection systems, smoke detectors, new fire wall around furnace in Old Brick Building (Perkinsville), shut-offs for fuel lines from tanks to furnace, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 less anticipated 30% State Aid. Voice vote.

Article 17. Voted to amend the article to read, "To see if the town will authorize the School Directors to have an area at the Perkinsville School blacktopped (area to be decided upon by School Directors) at a cost of \$1,500.00 less anticipated 30% State Aid." Voted to adopt the amendment by a standing vote, 105 Yes to 84 No. Then voted to adopt the article as amended, voice vote.

Article 18. Voted to amend the article to read, "To see if the town will authorize the School Directors to change their fiscal year from January 1 - December 31 to July 1 - June 30. This change to take effect in 1974. A sinking fund will be set aside during 1970-1971-1972 and 1973 using \$.80 from the tax rate for the purpose of covering the cost of this change." John T. Jensen proposed the amendment, which was seconded and so voted. Then the motion was made and seconded to accept the amended article. Voice vote, Yes.

Article 19. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Windsor County Mental Health Services, Inc.  
Standing vote, 90 Yes to 74 No.

Article 20. Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate \$400.00 for the Lebanon Regional Airport Authority. Voice vote.

Article 21. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to support the Visiting Nurses Association. Voice vote.

A ten minute interlude for coffee.

Article 22. Voted to start the annual meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the day before the first Tuesday of March to transact at that time any business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot and to be held on the first Tuesday of March. The

meeting so started to be adjourned until the following day according to Title 24 Section 702 V.S.A. amended 1961. Voice vote.

Article 23. Voted to take advantage of Title 24 Section 714 V.S.A. amended and elect two additional Selectmen to serve one year terms. Voice vote. There was a motion to amend the article to include two additional School Directors. The legality of this motion was questioned and the motion was turned down.

Article 24. Voted not to instruct the Auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts as provided for in Title 24 Section 1692-1697 V.S.A. to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town. Voice vote.

Article 25. Voted to direct the Listers to classify clearly in the Grand List Book the types of all personal property appraised. Voice vote.

Article 26. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,850.00 as a standby fee for the Golden Cross Ambulance Service of Claremont, New Hampshire. Voice vote.

Back to Article 4. Article amended to read, "To act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1969 and to make necessary appropriations for schools, highways and all other purposes for which the law requires appropriations or the Town may legally vote." Voted to accept the amendment to the article. Then voted to accept the article as amended. Voice vote.

During the discussion preceding the vote the School Directors asked for \$289,109.53 with an estimated \$4.44 School Tax and \$.80 Sinking Fund. The Selectmen asked for \$84,037.00 with an estimated \$1.28 tax. This could make an estimated total tax rate of \$6.52 on an estimated Grand List of \$65,000.00.

Article 27. Mrs. Irene P. Hoyt offered the following amendment: "To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute: to pay taxes to the Town Treasurer. To have poll taxes due August 1st, delinquent after September 1st. To have real estate and personal property taxes due September 1st and delinquent after December 1st. To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half of one percent per month or fraction thereof." It

was voted to amend the article. Then the motion was made and seconded to adopt the article as amended. Voice vote, "Yes."

Article 28. Mrs. Hoyt said she wanted to praise the article in the Town Report on Town Officers' Duties, written by John Hurd, and give him a vote of thanks.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Attest: Elizabeth G. Murray  
Town Clerk

## Auditors' Statement

In accordance with Section 3593 V.S.A. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances and inspected all securities, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, on December 31, 1970.

We would like to commend the Town's decision to hire a Town Manager to direct Weathersfield's business. With the knowledge his job requires, the Town Manager, working with the Selectmen, can oversee the Town's affairs more efficiently than separate department heads working alone can.

The adding machine used by the auditors is inadequate for our needs. We would like to suggest that it be sold and another be bought which totals to ten digits.

The school budget set up by the Windsor Southeast Supervisory District office was received too late for us to verify the final figure of \$7,581.04 as 1969 payables actually paid in 1970.

We feel that with a few adjustments the method of accounting used by the Windsor office is the correct method of presenting the actual picture of Weathersfield's school department financial activities. This office, acting under the direction of Weathersfield School Directors, can do the necessary bookkeeping required, with the exception of the Town Treasurer's handling of the actual receipts and disbursements through the checkbook.

Miscellaneous receipts shown by the Treasurer include, for example, \$304 and \$33.75, each an overpayment, which were received by the Treasurer. These should have been deducted from Contracted Services and Longterm Debt Repayment, respectively, but were not, by Windsor's bookkeeping system. We suggest a control cash ledger be kept at Windsor with receipts shown as debits and if any overpayments are made they should be posted "in red" to the correct accounts payable ledger to show a true balance of money unexpended on each ledger.

To avoid future confusion when viewing the Grand List book, we suggest that the Listers set down all corrections made after the State Audit (in July) and that they be entered in the back of the book as well as on the proper page with the date of correction and the initials of the corrector placed beside the corrected figure. We

suggest the Listers enter exempt property figures in a separate column titled "Exempt" and marked as to whether it is personal property or real estate, and total this column separately. To simplify bookkeeping, we suggest all columns in the Grand List book be totaled and page totals carried forward to produce a grand total for each category of property.

We note that the Treasurer is the only person who has complete knowledge of the important phases of Town monies such as Bonds and Securities. We suggest, in the interest of the Town, that, Vermont statutes and local laws permitting, at least one other person be initiated into these duties.

Barbara Lockwood

Rebecca W. Connor

Auditors

Dorothy L. Grover, hired  
to assist in the absence  
of Josephine Brigham

## Comparative Balance Sheet

<u>General &amp; Highway Funds</u>	12/31/69	12/31/70
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Treasurer's cash on hand		
checking account	\$ 2,413.85	\$ 7,645.18
Tax Collector	2,237.11	3,553.49
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	12,009.84	25,323.52
Storm Damage Fund due		
Highway Department	3,095.24	
Highway State Aid due	8,787.41	
Total Current Assets	<u>\$28,543.45</u>	<u>\$36,522.19</u>
<u>School Fund</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Treasurer's Checking Acct.	\$33,463.48	\$56,245.88
Total Current Assets	<u>\$33,463.48</u>	<u>\$56,245.88</u>
<u>Current Liabilities (acc. payable)</u>		956.46
Surplus		\$55,289.42
Total Current Liabilities &		
Surplus	<u>\$33,463.48</u>	<u>\$56,245.88</u>

## Statement of Taxes Raised - 1970

Total Real Estate Value		\$6,105,330.00
Less exempt property	-	<u>135,984.00</u>
Total Taxable Real Estate		\$5,969,346.00
Personal Property		<u>527,782.00</u>
TOTAL VALUE		<u>\$6,497,128.00</u>
984 polls @ \$1.00	\$	984.00
1% of Total Value		<u>64,971.28</u>
	\$	<u>65,955.28</u> GRAND LIST

## Taxes Assessed and Billed

### Property and Polls:

School Dept.	(\$65,955.28 x \$4.43)	\$ 292,181.89
Sinking Fund	(\$65,955.28 x \$.80)	52,764.21
Highway Dept.		
Summer Roads	(\$65,955.28 x \$.38)	25,063.01
Winter Roads	(\$65,955.28 x \$.34)	22,424.80
Equipment Fund	(\$65,955.28 x \$.09)	5,935.98
Selectmen's Fund	(\$65,955.28 x \$.46)	<u>30,339.43</u>
Total Property and Polls		\$ 428,709.32

### Old Age Assistance:

984 x \$5.00	\$	4,920.00
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Less rents paid on lease land deducted from  
total taxes billed:

- \$ 15.15

### Reimbursement for Flood Dam Losses:

Total Valuation \$231,369 (\$212,817 R.E. + \$18,552 P.P.) @ \$52.00		
1970 Connecticut (40%)	\$	4,812.47
1970 Massachusetts (50%)		6,015.59
1970 Vermont (10%)		<u>1,203.12</u>
Total Reimbursement	\$	12,031.18

Applied to town accounts as follows:

School Account (( $\$12,031.18 \div \$6.50$ ) x \$4.43) \$8,199.71

Sinking Fund (( $\$12,031.18 \div \$6.50$ ) x \$.80) 1,480.76

Highway Dept.

    Summer Roads (( $\$12,031.18 \div \$6.50$ ) x \$.38) 703.36

    Winter Roads (( $\$12,031.18 \div \$6.50$ ) x \$.34) 629.32

    Equipment Fund (( $\$12,031.18 \div \$6.50$ ) x \$.09) 166.59

    Selectmen's Fund (( $\$12,031.18 \div \$6.50$ ) x \$.46) 851.44

Total \$12,031.18

**TOTAL TAXES BILLED:** \$ 445,645.35

## Taxes Accounted For

### Real Estate and Personal Property:

Collected to December 1	\$389,987.23
Delinquent sent to Collector	<u>32,310.94</u>
Total	\$422,298.17

### Poll Taxes:

Collected to October 1	\$ 9,326.50
Delinquent Polls to Collector	<u>1,989.50</u>
Total	\$ 11,316.00
TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE	\$433,614.17

### Reimbursement for Flood Dam Losses:

1970 Connecticut	\$ 4,812.47
1970 Massachusetts	6,015.59
1970 Vermont	<u>1,203.12</u>
Total	\$ 12,031.18
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR	\$445,645.35

## Schedule of Long-Term Indebtedness

School Bond Issue	1956-1974	\$ 70,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/70	\$58,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/70	14,332.50	
Total Payments to 12/31/70	\$72,332.50	
School Bond Issue	1962-1982	\$ 41,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/70	\$17,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/70	8,480.00	
Total Payments to 12/31/70	\$25,480.00	
School Bond Issue	1964-1982	\$140,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/70	\$60,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/70	10,200.00	
Total Payments to 12/31/70	\$70,200.00	
School Bond Issue	1970-1982	\$191,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/70	\$15,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/70	11,460.00	
Total Payments to 12/31/70	\$26,460.00	

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TOTAL OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS 1/1/71 \$292,000.00

1970 Principal payments	\$30,000.00
1970 Interest payments	<u>15,655.75</u>
Total 1970 Payments	\$45,655.75

Equivalent to approximately \$.69 on \$65,955.28 Grand List

## **Delinquent Tax Statement - January 1, 1971**

Delinquent Taxes, January 1, 1970	\$12,009.84
1970 Polls Delinquent	1,989.50
1970 R.E. and P.P. Delinquent	<u>32,310.94</u>
Total Delinquent	\$46,310.28
Delinquent Taxes Abated in 1970	<u>- 388.23</u>
Total	\$45,922.05
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 1970	<u>20,598.53</u>
Total Delinquent, January 1, 1971	\$25,323.52
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1970	\$ 2,237.11
Principal of Taxes Collected in 1970	20,598.53
Interest on Taxes Collected in 1970	<u>355.62</u>
Total Receipts	\$23,191.26
Paid to Treasurer in 1970	<u>19,637.77</u>
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1971	\$ 3,553.49

### Summary

<u>Years</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>P.P.</u>	<u>R.E.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1968	\$ 65.46	\$ 38.30	\$ 56.68	\$ 160.44
1969	102.00	78.26	2,512.92	2,693.18
1970	483.00	4,517.58	17,469.32	<u>22,469.90</u>
	\$650.46	\$4,634.14	\$20,038.92	\$25,323.52

John L. Hurd  
Tax Collector

## **Delinquent Taxes as of February 1, 1971**

### **POLLS**

Aiken, Delbert C.	1970	\$11.50
Aiken, Flora B.	1970	11.50
Bassie, Lavis J.	1969	10.20
Bassie, Marie	1969	10.20
Berry, Arnold T.	1969	10.20
Berry, Lola B.	1969	10.20
Blake, Louis	1968	10.91
Blake, Julia S.	1968	10.91
Boman, June E.	1968	10.91
Cannistraci, Anthony I.	1970	11.50
Cannistraci, Kathryn R.	1970	11.50
Colaccino, Gaetano	1970	11.50
Colaccino, Joan S.	1970	11.50
Curtis, Douglas L.	1970	11.50
Curtis, Josiah P., Jr.	1969	10.20
DeRusha, Kenneth E.	1970	11.50
DeRusha, Barbara A.	1970	11.50
Dutton, Gary J.	1970	11.50
Farrar, Robert C., Jr.	1970	11.50
Farrar, Sandra J.	1970	11.50
Gale, George C.	1970	11.50
Gokey, Leon A.	1968	10.91
Gokey, Sylvia P.	1968	10.91
Hardy, Jan H.	1969	10.20
Harrington, Leslie G.	1970	11.50
Hennessy, Eric D.	1970	11.50
Howe, Alfred H.	1970	11.50
Howe, Sylvia J.	1970	11.50
Graham, James F.	1970	11.50
Jordan, John L.	1970	11.50
Jordan, Mary P.	1970	11.50
Kidder, David L.	1970	11.50
Kidder, Sandra J.	1970	11.50
LaCourse, Joseph V.	1970	11.50
LaCourse, Barbara E.	1970	11.50
Lashway, Barry C.	1970	11.50
Lashway, Ann M.	1970	11.50
May, John E., Sr.	1968	10.91
Moote, George W.	1969	10.20

Morgan, David B.	1970	\$11.50
McArthur, Doris E.	1969	10.20
Pitcher, Thomas W.	1970	11.50
Pitcher, Carol V.	1970	11.50
Rowell, Edwin E., Sr.	1970	11.50
Rowell, Nancy L.	1970	11.50
Simonds, Richard E.	1970	11.50
Simonds, Barbara M.	1970	11.50
Stoughton, David P.	1970	11.50
Stoughton, Phyllis H.	1970	11.50
Strong, Richard E.	1970	11.50
Tyrell, Kenneth C.	1970	11.50
Young, Robert D.	1969	10.20
Young, Barbara A.	1969	<u>10.20</u>
		\$592.96

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Acker, William S.	1970	166.73
Atkinson-Davis Corp.	1970	195.19
Ascutney Woodworking & Supply	1970	116.03
Barrows, Eric D.	1970	17.17
Brown, Philip	1970	195.00
Coutermarsh, Edmond & Clara	1970	17.45
Earle, Roger W.	1970	155.61
Emery, Max	1970	81.25
Foley, Laurien A.	1970	215.80
Hall, Chester & Ethelyn	1970	154.63
Hyde, James L.	1970	178.43
Legace, Francis, Jr.	1970	82.22
Leneau, Robert L., Jr.	1970	144.50
Marsh, Gary J. & Josephine	1970	155.61
Moore, Conrad C. & Leilani	1970	148.98
McAllister, Gerald M., Sr. & Lillian	1970	107.90
Northern Oil Co.	1970	29.25
Pelletier, Louis J., Jr.	1970	166.73
Phillips, Kenneth A.	1970	64.35
Proctor, Earl I.	1970	131.95
Putnam, Eugene	1970	175.50
Putnam, John H.	1970	78.00
Sanford, Elmer & Christina	1970	147.03
Savage Beast, c/o Maxwell Frazier	1970	97.50
Shafer, Benjamin J. & Lillian	1970	196.63
Simonds, Robert T.	1970	171.08

Smith, Robert S. & Carrie	1969	\$ 74.36
Spaulding, Roger B. & Sylvia	1970	89.70
Wright, Robert W.	1968	38.30
Williams, James E. & Patricia	1970	<u>184.28</u>
		\$3,777.16

### REAL ESTATE

Aldridge, Russell & Irene	1970	\$141.37
Ascutney Real Estate Corp.	1969	426.40
Ascutney Real Estate Corp.	1970	533.00
Atkinson-Davis Corp.	1970	124.61
Barbour, Melvin A. & Lillian	1970	* 41.13
Barrows, Harold, Jr., Sr. & Kay F.	1970	50.00
Beebe, Robert L. & Elizabeth E.	1970	97.50
Bergen, Loretta E.	1969	236.60
Bergen, Loretta E.	1970	295.75
Brown, Herbert & Pearl	1970	409.50
Cavallaro, Louis & Michael	1970	156.00
Cavallaro, Michael	1970	58.50
Claghorn, David & Constance	1970	431.41
Connor, George P. & Virginia	1968	56.68
Connor, George P. & Virginia	1969	156.00
Connor, George P. & Virginia	1970	195.00
Connor, Paul G. & Carol B.	1968	* 29.45
Connor, Paul G. & Carol B.	1969	312.00
Connor, Paul G. & Carol B.	1970	390.00
Cutlass Aviation, Inc.	1970	48.75
Coutermarsh, Edmond & Clara	1970	35.75
Diamond, John J., Jr. & Irene R.	1970	104.00
Emery, Max E.	1970	292.50
Farnsworth, Frederick & Laura	1970	390.00
Foley, Laurien A.	1970	79.63
Fortin, David J. & Inez E.	1970	542.75
Graham, James F. & Esther	1970	92.55
Hall, Chester & Ethelyn	1970	35.75
Harris, Harry A. Estate	1970	13.00
Hutchinson, Barbara R.	1969	254.80
Hutchinson, Barbara R.	1970	318.50
Jarvis, Edward	1970	154.38
LaCourse, Joseph V. & Barbara	1970	334.75
LaFountain, Carlon	1969	322.40
LaFountain, Carlon	1970	435.50
Lawrence, Rose M.	1970	18.50

Legace, Francis X. & Velma	1970	\$334.75
Legace, Francis, Jr. & Nancy	1970	65.00
Leneau, Geneva L.	1970	42.25
Lewis, Charles & Marion	1970	9.75
Lockwood, Dexter B. & Roberta	1970	562.25
Marsh, Gary J. & Josephine	1970	58.50
Mead, Joan P.	1970	467.22
Michielsen, Harry	1969	9.22
Michielsen, Harry	1970	32.50
Moore, Conrad C. & Leilani	1970	78.00
Moore, Stanley Estate	1969	135.20
Mosman, Roger & Daniel	1970	604.50
Murray, Lee G. & Simone H.	1970	445.25
McAllister, Gerald M., Sr. & Lillian	1970	1082.25
McAllister, Gerald M., Jr.	1970	438.75
McAllister, Glenford A. & Irene	1970	399.75
McAllister, Kenneth L. & Eda G.	1970	487.50
Nelson, Carl V. & Sheila D.	1970	325.00
North Terminals, Inc.	1970	422.50
Pieczarka, Frank	1970	50.70
Polsak, Frederick	1970	104.00
Putnam, John H.	1970	152.88
Robbins, Leland & Louise	1969	26.00
Robbins, Leland & Louise	1970	32.50
Robinson, Burton G. & Pauline	1970	222.18
Satmary, Anna	1970	16.25
Saucier, Earl & Esther	1969	99.60
Saucier, Earl & Esther	1970	100.00
Sheldon, Willis & Zella	1970	256.75
Sisto, Gary J.	1970	373.75
Smith, Robert S. & Carrie	1969	20.80
Smith, Roland A.	1970	* 136.17
Spurr, Robert R. & Cenie	1970	308.75
Whipple, Leonard E. & Sylvia	1969	502.32
Whipple, Leonard E. & Sylvia	1970	627.90
Williams, James E. & Patricia	1970	52.00
		\$16,490.35

\* Fees and Interest,  
not counted in totals

Total Delinquent Taxes February 1, 1971

\$20,860.47

# Treasurer's Statement - General Fund

Cash on hand and in bank 1/1/70

## Receipts

### TAXES

Total current R.E. & P.P. taxes	\$389,987.23
Total flood loss reimbursement	12,031.18
Current Polls paid to Treasurer	9,326.50
Delinquent taxes from Collector	19,264.24
Interest on delinquent taxes	373.53
Taxes abated by Board	388.23
	431,370.91

### SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Bank Loans from First National Bank	85,000.00
Martin Memorial Hall rental	907.00
Trailer Park licenses	140.00
Dog licenses	828.25
Liquor licenses	332.50
Fire refunds	140.50
First Congregational Church (for electricity)	32.18
Sale of Appraisal Booklets	47.00
Social Security on Clerk's fees	157.70
Blue Cross - Blue Shield Insurance	92.65
Blue Cross - Blue Shield Insurance (payroll)	85.89
Sale of Grout Cemetery lots	732.50
Frank Bishop (gift for cemetery wall repair)	200.00
Refund on Workmen's Compensation	406.80
Vt. Mutual Insurance Co. (Proctor Library)	437.51
Miscellaneous refunds	35.53
	89,576.01

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

State of Vermont State Aid (includes \$8,787.41 due in 1969)	42,662.54
Services and supplies	3,177.34
Miscellaneous refunds	71.42
Blue Cross - Blue Shield insurance (payroll)	181.60
Taxes for Winter Highway (\$.34)	23,054.12
Taxes for Summer Highway (\$.38)	25,766.37
	94,913.39

### EQUIPMENT FUND

Taxes due Fund	6,102.56
Sale of Oshkosh	500.00

6,602.56

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$624,876.72

## **Disbursements**

### **SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT**

Total School taxes paid to School Dept.	\$300,381.60
Sinking Fund taxes paid to School Dept.	54,244.98
Total taxes due Highway Department	48,820.49
Total taxes due Equipment Fund	6,102.56
Taxes abated by Board	388.23
Disbursements as per order of Selectmen (includes repayment of loans)	108,775.41
Bank charges and check books	<u>21.35</u>
	\$518,734.62

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Disbursements as per orders	94,209.39
Blue Cross - Blue Shield ins. (payroll)	<u>181.60</u>
	94,390.99

### **EQUIPMENT FUND**

Snow Plow	3,980.92
Chain Saw	<u>125.00</u>
	4,105.92

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** \$617,231.53

Cash on hand and in bank 1/1/71 7,645.18  
\$624,876.71

Outstanding Loans \$30,000.00

## **Treasurer's Statement - Storm Damage Fund**

Cash on hand and in bank 1/1/70	\$ 2,811.19
Receipts: Loans	<u>65,000.00</u>
	\$67,811.19
Disbursements	<u>66,759.01</u>
Cash on hand and in bank 1/1/71	\$ 1,052.18
Outstanding Loans 1/9/70 as per 1969 Town Report	\$15,000.00
New Loans	<u>25,000.00</u>
	\$40,000.00

Memo: Above loans paid by General Fund and re-borrowed  
in anticipation of federal reimbursement.

## Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen held twenty-four regular meetings this past year with near-perfect attendance. We also held several special meetings. One of these was held at the Town Hall in April. It was voted at this meeting to by-pass the maple grove with the Center Road and save this historic site for future generations to enjoy. The land for relocation was given to the Town by Miss Annie Green, Mr. William Green, the Weathersfield Historical Society, and the First Congregational Church of Weathersfield.

Interim Zoning was adopted by the Board of Selectmen and became effective on January 1, 1971. A copy of this ordinance appears in this Town Report.

The adoption of a town manager system of government at last year's Town Meeting, which the Selectmen put into effect on September 1, has brought about certain realignments in job responsibilities. We feel that these changes will streamline our Town government, and, in the long run, save the Town of Weathersfield money. The Town Manager is cooperating closely with the Selectmen to implement a good working town governmental system. We look forward to the addition of two more members to the Board of Selectmen. They will bring new ideas and diversification to our Board.

Regarding the budget, which the Selectmen have submitted for your consideration, we have tried to stabilize our costs and still meet the needs of the Town. One of the departments showing an increase over last year is the Police Department. When we consider the 1970 Census figures and find that Weathersfield has a population of more than 2,100, we can see that such needs and services become greater. One of the new services provided by the Police Department is a 24-hour answering service for all emergency calls in Weathersfield. We have also included in the budget this year an appropriation for the Visiting Nurses Association, as well as for ambulance service. Both of these services are vital to our rural community.

Green Up Day was a huge success in Weathersfield as a result of the fine organizational plans provided by our volunteer fire departments and the many children and adults who volunteered their labor. We want to thank the Taxpayers Association for their cooperation and the interest they have taken in our town government.

The roads in Weathersfield are in good condition and will be even better as we continue our improvement program. The town equipment is holding its own, but will require servicing and overhauling this spring. Town equipment is used constantly and requires continuous maintenance. We have established a program of inventory, maintenance charts and employee time cards in order to keep control of the equipment's life-cycle and use.

Due to the geography of the town, communication is often difficult, and therefore we need your help in bringing to our attention the needs of the town. Please feel free to contact the Town Manager at any time. Our Town Office is now open and staffed five days a week.

Selectmen of Weathersfield

Henry N. Hicks, Chairman  
Raymond Denault  
Robert Brogdale

## Town Manager's Report

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Manager are prescribed by law. They involve carrying out the decisions of the Board of Selectmen, supervision of town highway and town police departments, care of all town public buildings except those specifically excluded (such as schools), supervision of the town dump, charge of all purchases by the town, preparation of the budget, and working with the State Welfare Department. Incident to these is keeping the books for the Selectmen as well as those for the Highway Department.

In the four months that I have served as Town Manager, several changes have been made. The Town Office will now be open and staffed five days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with no additional personnel or cost. An Interim Zoning ordinance was adopted effective January 1, 1971 by the Selectmen, and will be administered by the Town Manager. This action was necessary because of the rapid and uncontrolled growth of our town, which can lead to serious problems, specifically water, sewage and taxes, in the very near future. Land development and the necessity for new town roads to serve these areas make this limited zoning plan necessary.

A financial saving in the Highway Department has come from making use of the State of Vermont contract so we may purchase

regular gasoline for our town vehicles at 22.9¢ per gallon.

Our Police Department costs have risen sharply. Our action at Town Meeting last year providing for the appointment of a Chief and setting up a department made us eligible for federal funding so that we are now to be included in the State Communication set-up soon to be in effect. This will aid not only in law enforcement but also during a disaster or crisis. Growth in Weathersfield has brought the problems that go with it and increased vandalism, breaking and entering, and routine investigations and patrols are necessary. One of the benefits of the federal funding was that our Police Chief became eligible to attend a law-enforcement school at Babson College at no cost to the Town.

I have attended all seminars and meetings provided by various State agencies for selectmen and town managers, as well as attended the crime control seminar. In light of these and how the information gained can be used in Weathersfield, I can see several areas that would apply to us. If the growth pattern predicted for Weathersfield actually materializes, our first problem will be a good water supply for our populated areas, particularly Ascutney. Going hand-in-hand with this will be the need for adequate sewage disposal. We must plan for these necessities. Federal funds are available, but we must be a member of our Regional Planning Commission if we are to be able to take advantage of such funding. Dues this year are \$102.00, which I consider a bargain for Weathersfield. Secondly, the Police Department must be organized and financed to meet the needs of this growing area. More and more services and protection are being demanded by our citizens daily. Immediate plans for the future call for a junk car clean-up in the spring. I would remind Weathersfield residents that Hodgdon Brothers have generously offered to pick up junk vehicles at no cost to Weathersfield residents.

I would like to remind our senior citizens on limited income that there are several programs available for their assistance. The Vermont State Tax Department urges all citizens over 65 years of age whose property taxes are more than 7% of their income to take advantage of the Senior Citizens Tax Relief. Forms are available at the Town Office and I will be glad to help anyone eligible apply for a rebate.

Karl Stevens

## Selectmen's Budget - 1971

	<u>1970 Budget</u>	<u>1970 Actual</u>	<u>1971 Proposed</u>
<b>Clerk's Salaries &amp; Expenses</b>			
(no fees in 1971)	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,161.36	\$ 5,500.00
Treasurer's Sal. & Exp.	3,500.00	3,299.92	4,250.00
Listers' Sal. & Exp.	4,000.00	4,188.21	4,500.00
Selectmen's Sal. & Exp.	2,500.00	2,345.99	1,500.00
Town Manager's S. & E.		1,914.13	6,400.00
Other Town Officers	500.00	748.70	750.00
Police Department	2,500.00	4,945.28	7,000.00
Town Office	2,500.00	1,610.66	2,000.00
Town Meetings	800.00	1,431.25	1,500.00
Insurance	2,500.00	2,596.30	2,750.00
Cemeteries	250.00	476.47	300.00
Fire Protection	4,500.00	4,153.20	4,500.00
Taxes & Assessments	8,375.00	7,339.92	7,500.00
Town Buildings	4,700.00		4,700.00
Town Barn		100.39	
Proctor Library		2,427.24	
Martin Hall		859.25	
Other Town Bldgs.		688.63	
Interest on Loans	2,000.00	3,411.40	2,500.00
Appropriations	4,300.00	4,300.00	
Visiting Nurses			2,000.00
Ambulance Service			1,850.00
Memorial Day			150.00
Town Dump	3,750.00	3,699.96	3,750.00
Civil Defense	100.00	88.90	100.00
Legal Fees	500.00	290.00	500.00
Officers' Bonds	180.00	140.00	150.00
Road Signs	200.00	199.79	
Town Parks	150.00	61.75	150.00
Bridges	1,000.00	611.85	1,000.00
Miscellaneous			
(Public Health, Tax Refunds, etc.)	<u>550.00</u>	<u>658.13</u>	<u>750.00</u>
	<u>\$50,405.00</u>	<u>\$53,748.68</u>	<u>\$66,050.00</u>

### Selectmen's Fund Anticipated Receipts

Flood Loss	\$ 3,000.00
Licenses	1,000.00
Delinquent Taxes	13,000.00
Town Clerk's Fees	3,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Martin Memorial Hall	800.00
	<u>\$21,800.00</u>

## Highway Budget - 1971

	<u>1970 Budget</u>	<u>1970 Actual</u>	<u>1971 Proposed</u>
<b>WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>			
Labor	\$ 8,954.29	\$ 7,500.00	
Salt & Sand	8,338.60	8,000.00	
Contract Work	440.85	500.00	
State Aid Plowing &			
Salting Labor	204.90	500.00	
Total Winter Highways	17,938.64	16,500.00	
<b>SUMMER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>			
Labor	14,078.21	11,500.00	
Culverts	2,633.95	1,000.00	
Chloride Gravel &			
Hot Mix	2,093.47	2,000.00	
Contract Work	925.40	1,000.00	
Total Summer Highways	19,731.13	15,500.00	
<b>EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND MAINTENANCE</b>			
Repairs Winter	3,509.61	3,000.00	
Repairs Summer	1,992.98	3,000.00	
Gas, Oil & Grease	6,571.19	5,500.00	
Tires	1,247.08	2,500.00	
Supplies	1,607.97	1,500.00	
Utilities	813.77	800.00	
Total Equipment	15,742.60	16,300.00	
<b>TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS</b>			
State W/H Tax	1,277.66	1,000.00	
Federal W/H Tax	4,525.73	4,000.00	
Social Security	3,615.18	4,000.00	
Insurance	965.00	1,000.00	
Licenses	40.00	50.00	
Miscellaneous	174.81	500.00	
Total Taxes and Assessments	10,598.38	10,550.00	
<b>TOTAL TOWN HWYS.</b>	<b>63,000.00</b>	<b>64,010.75</b>	<b>58,850.00</b>
<b>STATE AID HIGHWAYS</b>			
Construction	13,304.59	6,000.00	
Resurfacing	8,899.31	6,000.00	
Total State Aid Hwys.	9,000.00	22,203.90	12,000.00

**UNSELECTED ROADS AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

Downer Hill Road	1,985.78
Maple Street	2,081.49
Tenney Hill Road	829.36
Wellwood Road	<u>3,026.75</u>
Total Unsel. Rds.	15,566.00
	7,923.38
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>13,483.40</b>
	\$87,566.00
	\$94,138.03
	\$84,333.40

Anticipated Highway Receipts

State Aid Roads	\$ 4,195.60
Dust Laying	500.00
Winter Plowing	1,234.00
Winter Roads	3,000.00
State Aid Retreatment	4,000.00
State Aid Construction	4,000.00
Gravel Resurface	200.00
Unselected Roads	<u>13,483.40</u>
	\$30,613.00

**Equipment Fund Budget - 1971**

Highway Equipment	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Snow Plow	\$ 3,980.92	
Chain Saw	<u>125.00</u>	
Total Equipment	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,105.92 \$ 7,000.00

**Summary of Budgets**

Selectmen's Fund	\$50,405.00	\$53,748.68	\$66,050.00
Highway Fund	87,566.00	94,138.03	84,333.40
Equipment Fund	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>4,105.92</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
	\$143,971.00	\$151,992.63	\$157,383.40

Anticipated Receipts

Selectmen's Fund	\$ 21,800.00
Highway Fund	<u>30,613.00</u>
	\$ 52,413.00

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$157,383.40
LESS ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS	<u>52,413.00</u>
ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$104,970.40

## July 29, 1969 Storm Damage Report

		Estimated Damage Cost	Expenditures	Eligible Disaster Cost
T.H. 54	Roberts Road	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 1,875.66	\$ 1,858.02
T.H. 46	Gird Lot & Part of Goulden Ridge Road	28,652.60	24,931.01	24,830.45
T.H. 40	Tenney Hill Road	21,925.00	16,333.00	15,441.27
T.H. 45	Chambers Road	4,000.00	2,544.94	2,543.54
T.H. 51	Bowen Hill Road	17,630.00	16,771.78	16,653.97
S.A. 1	Center Road	483.50	447.70	447.70
T.H. 39		540.00	288.25	288.25
T.H. 37	Thrasher Road	6,150.00	3,692.45	3,692.45
T.H. 62	Wellwood Road	1,560.00	1,981.00	1,981.00
T.H. 42	Downer Hill Road	1,640.00	1,471.00	1,471.00
T.H. 57		225.00	219.00	219.00
T.H. 26	Cady Hill Road	6,000.00	5,970.00	5,970.50
T.H. 42	Perkins Hill Road	1,200.00	552.00	552.00
T.H. 72		600.00	591.00	591.00
T.H. 44	Goulden Ridge Road	4,000.00	4,365.55	4,361.79
T.H. 16	Plains Road	1,331.20	1,916.06	1,909.34
T.H. 31	Little Canada Road	712.50	712.50	712.50
T.H. 60	Baltimore Road	6,000.00	3,710.00	3,705.50
T.H. 50	Skyline Drive	3,175.00	4,161.50	4,161.50
T.H. 41	Raymond Ridge	2,190.00	2,171.60	2,149.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$110,074.80</b>	<b>\$94,706.00</b>	<b>\$93,539.78</b>

We had hoped by the time the town reports went to print to be able to report that final payment had been received on the storm and flood damage to our highways in July 1969. However, we have not yet received final payment.

Work was completed on July 2, 1970 and the State Highway Department inspected and approved the repairs on July 9, 1970. Soon after this our books were audited and approved by the State Auditors

Mr. Holmes, Civil Defense Director, tells me that some of the towns involved in the area disaster have not yet been able to prepare their books for audit. Therefore, the total final payment to Vermont towns has been held up. However, this is expected to be cleared up soon.

You will note that we did not receive the total estimated damage cost. Some of the work had been started before the first State inspection of damage and estimate was made and we were not eligible for payment for work done by the National Guard and regular town employees.

We received an advance from the Emergency Preparedness in the amount of \$55,000.00, and a note from the First National Bank in Springfield in the amount of \$40,000.00 authorized by vote at Town Meeting 1970 is outstanding.

Karl Stevens, Agent

## Report of Trustees of Public Funds

### Campbell Fund

Assets		
Burlington Savings Bank		\$1,000.00
227 shares Geo. Putnam		
252 shares M.I.T.		
Checking account		1,068.80
Receipts		
Dividends	\$227.50	
Capital gain	90.47	
Interest	50.18	
Checking account balance 12/31/69		958.85
Deposits	368.15	\$1,327.00
Disbursements		258.20
Balance 12/31/70		\$1,068.80

### Connor Fund

Assets		
Burlington Savings Bank		\$1,000.00
200 shares American Mutual		
Checking account		1,081.79

Receipts		
Dividends	\$ 72.00	
Capital gains	108.00	
Interest	50.21	
Checking account balance 12/31/69		\$ 963.58
Deposits	230.21	\$1,193.79
Disbursements		<u>112.00</u>
Balance 12/31/70		\$1,081.79

### **Hoisington Fund**

Assets		
100 shares Inv. Co. of America		
First National Bank Savings		\$1,589.77
Checking account		36.77
Receipts		
Dividends	\$ 47.00	
Capital gains	58.00	
Interest	77.29 (to 9/30/70)	
Checking account balance 12/31/69		\$ 230.52
Deposited	855.00	\$1,085.52
Disbursements		<u>1,048.75</u>
Balance 12/31/70		\$ 36.77

### **Proctor Library Fund**

May 21, 1970:

232 shares Geo. Putnam at \$12.94 per share	\$3,002.08
Dividends received \$ 85.84	

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Values per share as of December 31, 1970:

American Mutual	\$ 8.76
Investment Co. of America	12.53
Geo. Putnam	13.50
Massachusetts Investors Trust	13.46
Wellington Fund	11.30

## Cemetery Funds

### Investments and Savings

Burlington Savings Bank	\$7,458.41
Vermont National Bank	4,320.09
U.S. Treasury Bond at 3.25%	1,500.00
U.S. Treasury Bond at 4% (matured)	2,500.00 (to be re-invested)

518 shares Geo. Putnam

195.870 shares M.I.T.

677.643 Wellington (Hicks)

Checking account

12.74

### Income from above

Treasury Bond at 3.25%	\$ 48.76
Interest, Burlington Savings	363.00
Interest, Vermont National	190.70

### Plain Cemetery income

Geo. Putnam dividends	215.52
Geo. Putnam capital gains	157.15
Wellington Fund dividend	294.59

### Ascutney Cemetery income

M.I.T. dividend	70.91
M.I.T. capital gain	87.00

### Weathersfield Bow Cemetery income

Geo. Putnam dividend	33.12
Geo. Putnam capital gain	24.15

### Grout Cemetery income

M.I.T. dividend	21.16
M.I.T. capital gain	26.39

### Checking Account:

Balance January 1, 1970	\$ 9.34
Deposited	<u>1,022.20</u>
	\$1,031.54
Disbursements 1970	<u>1,018.80</u>
Balance December 31, 1970	\$ 12.74

Andrew A. Titcomb

Percy I. Bliss

Helen W. May

Trustees, Public Funds

## Dog Licenses Issued 1970

<u>On time</u>		
154 males	@ \$2.00	\$308.00
62 females	@ 6.00	372.00
109 spayed females	@ 2.00	218.00
<u>Late</u>		
32 males	@ 3.00	96.00
8 females	@ 9.00	72.00
15 spayed females	@ 3.00	45.00
<u>Half year</u>		
1 female	@ 3.00	3.00
381 dogs licensed		\$1,114.00
Fees to Clerk	381 @ .75	285.75
To Town Treasurer		\$ 828.25

Licensing Dogs this year still requires:

1. The owner or keeper of the dog to appear and sign the license stating the vaccination certificate for rabies presented is the one for the dog being licensed.
2. Dogs vaccinated at 4 months of age and certificates for rabies vaccination issued within 30 months of licensing. The rabies certificate or copy to be filed with Town Clerk.

A spaying certificate is necessary to license a dog as a spayed female. All dogs four months of age must be licensed. Licenses may be obtained during March; those obtained after April 1 are subject to LATE licensing fees which are 50% more than regular fees.

The Town Office in Perkinsville is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the exception of holidays. So please plan to come in person to license your dog ... because you have to sign the dog license.

If you check the date of the dog's rabies certificate to make sure it is still within the 30 months required, it could save you an extra trip.

Elizabeth G. Murray, Town Clerk

## **Police Department and First Constable's Report**

This year I would like to take the opportunity to inform the people of Weathersfield about the functions of the First Constable's job as related to the Police Department. The much-needed graduation in Weathersfield from the constable set-up of the "horse and buggy days" to a modern Police Department has been instituted. It was imperative that Weathersfield be enabled to function on a modern day level. As proof of this, after checking our records for the past year, we find Weathersfield has a crime solvency rate in excess of 90 per cent. By this, we mean more than 90 per cent of crimes perpetrated did have an apprehension. Even though the crime rate in Weathersfield has been higher than that of most surrounding towns, we have been able to maintain this 90 per cent average. I am proud to report these figures, as statistics prove the national average is less than 30 per cent.

I would like to explain the functions of the Police Department - that is, what my job entails. We cover all types of calls, lines of crime, fatalities, accidents, fires, dog problems. Our new modern Police Department has a 24 hour dispatcher and with this arrangement enables me to respond within minutes to any call. Examples of this are that we received eight emergency calls for fatalities during the past year, six of them being of a most violent nature. On each call, I was able to arrive on the scene within minutes. Two other emergency calls we received would have been fatalities had I not arrived on the scene within minutes. Isn't this proof to the people of Weathersfield that \$3.40 or even \$5.00 a year per person is a small price to pay when the next call we receive could be your home?

We would like to point out that the average national police ratio is 1,000 people per police officer. Weathersfield's ratio is a total population of 2,300 people for a one man force. We should mention that the towns of Chester and Ludlow, having a similar population, have a much greater expense than ours, Weathersfield's expense being 40 per cent of their expense.

I strongly recommend that we move ahead in our new concept of Police Department protection here in Weathersfield. A policeman does answer the calls for crimes committed, but his primary function is to prevent the crime before it occurs. One of the fundamental requirements of the Police Department is the protection of life and property - "Watch while the citizens sleep."

We now have an organized Police Department in the Town of Weathersfield. We want to take this opportunity to urge all the people of Weathersfield to take advantage of this professional service whenever the need arises, be it a serious problem or an emergency, i.e., fire, accident, etc. Because of many years of police education and more than twenty years of experience, you may now call your Weathersfield Police Department at our new number - 674-2185 - and receive efficient, professional service within minutes.

Robert Z. Gale  
First Constable and  
Chief of Police

## Cemetery Commissioners' Report

The outlying, and unendowed, cemeteries of the Town were mowed during the summer. These are the ones that are maintained from the Town general fund.

The Ascutneyville, Bow, Grout and Plain cemeteries, all of which have some endowed funds for perpetual care, were maintained as usual from these sources.

The commissioners urge those leaving funds for the perpetual care of lots in Weathersfield to make them ample, so that there is enough annual interest for proper upkeep. A sum of \$200 is none too much for a small lot.

Grace Stevens  
Louise Covell  
Herman Young  
Andrew Titcomb  
Celia Martin

## **Proctor Library Report**

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Balance in Bank 1/1/70 \$ 17.64

### Receipts:

Interest, Vermont National Bank	\$ 49.20
Less registered letter to	
Federal Reserve Bank, Boston	- 2.65
Interest from one bond	25.00
Interest from bonds invested in Putnam	
Fund by trustees of Public Funds	
(232 shares @ \$12.94)	85.84
Appropriation from Town	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	<u>1,357.39</u>
	\$1,375.03

### Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 549.82
Electricity	70.80
Fuel	186.45
Insurance	56.10
Books	290.65
Repairs	25.95
Supplies	13.45
Miscellaneous	<u>7.50</u>
Total	1,200.72

Balance in Bank 12/31/70

Eva Spaulding, Treasurer

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Mrs. Guy Raymond	Mrs. Arthur Jones
Mrs. K. R. Jones	Mr. and Mrs. William Smith
Miriam Koenig	Mrs. Patricia Eastman

Magazines donated by:

Mrs. Guy Raymond

Mrs. Robert Follett

The Proctor Library was closed seven weeks during the year because of furnace trouble.

There were 67 new books added to Proctor Library this year. New books were not bought for Perkinsville Branch because of a shortage of room and moving the library to Mrs. Covell's home.

There is interest from the trust fund to be used to buy books.

Eva Spaulding  
Grace Stillson  
Vera Murray  
Muriel Raymond  
Eliza Connor  
Trustees

## **Perkinsville Branch Library Report**

Circulation                    1242

Books donated by

Mary Jane Spencer

Mrs. E. Linda (Meade) Arthur (former Weathersfield teacher)

Douglas and Allo Connor

Raymond and Myrtle Baker

Magazines and pamphlets donated by

Mrs. Gladys Foster

Edward Gall

Various State and local organizations

The bookmobile came four times and left about 75 books each time. These books were mostly adult as the children get books at the school library during the school hours.

After thirty years in a corner of the Town Office, on the 23rd of October it became necessary to move the library to another place. After considering several other locations, it was decided to move it to a room in my home. As it seemed harder for the children to make the extra distance after school on Friday, the day was changed to Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. However, I will

welcome those who cannot come on Saturdays any other time that I am home.

Finances:

Balance, January 1, 1970	\$17.22
Fines	2.25
Total	<u>\$19.47</u>
Expenses (postage and supplies)	<u>1.47</u>
Cash on hand, December 31, 1970	\$18.00

Louise W. Covell, Librarian

## Memorial Day Parade Report

May 1, 1970 balance (Town appropriation) \$150.00

Expenses:

Reading Band	\$65.00
John Thurber, Inc.	10.00
Barton's Crossroads Store (batteries)	4.12
Telephone calls and decorations	11.17
William Blake	20.00
Sons of Veterans Reserve	<u>20.00</u>
	<u>130.29</u>
Balance December 31, 1970	\$ 19.71

I enjoyed working on the Memorial Day Parade this year and hope the parade will continue for years to come.

We'd like to see more people involved in the Memorial Day Parade in 1971.

Beverly B. Howe  
Secretary-Treasurer 1970

## Road-Naming Committee Report

In order to finish putting up signs for the remaining town-maintained roads (on which more than two families live) the Road-Naming Committee purchased the following supplies:

12 lengths of pipe @ \$6.82 each	\$ 81.84
18 signs @ \$4.75 each	85.50
10 caps @ \$1.10 each	11.00
Sign for Police Department	14.25
Total	\$192.59

The signs were erected by the Town Manager and one of the road crew. It is recommended that the Road-Naming Committee now be disbanded and the job of naming new town-maintained roads be in the jurisdiction of the Town Manager and the Selectmen with the understanding that no roads be named after anyone currently living and with the emphasis on historical meaning.

Lois Cann, Chairman

## Golden Cross Ambulance Service Report

In 1970, we responded to a total of 43 emergencies and non-emergencies of which 11 of the accounts are still outstanding.

We hope this will be a satisfactory report.

Lawrence H. Stickney  
Proprietor

Town Appropriation: \$1,850.00

## **Fire Wardens' Report**

Your Wardens wish to express deep appreciation for the cooperation given by all of you people in keeping our Forest Fire problems in the zero column.

The following letter expresses the feelings of our State officials, and the Town of Weathersfield has helped to make this record possible. Remember to keep it this way by the permit regulations. Again, Thank You!

Percy I. Bliss, Town Fire Warden  
Clarence Grover, Deputy Warden

Dear Fire Wardens:

Our 1970 fire season was something to brag about. There were 83 fires reported which burned 107.5 acres. This is the smallest area burned since we began keeping records in 1903. We continue to rank FIRST in the United States in the number of acres burned in proportion to the total woodland protected. This is an enviable record to which each one of you has contributed by your work in preventing fires and by your efficiency in quickly putting out the ones that do start.

KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORK!

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Dauchy, Chief  
Forest Fire Control

## **West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.**

This year the department responded to all calls: eight brush fires, two chimney fires and one fire at a hunting camp. A mobile home fire and a truck fire were out upon the arrival of our fire truck. We also answered two Mutual Aid calls. We held our regular business meetings, drills and work nights when needed.

Although our fund raising projects have been lower this year due to many men being out of work, some have sent donations to help run our department.

This year additional equipment has been purchased: coats, two Scott Air-Paks, and two spare cylinders.

Again this year we have only one number to report a fire to:

263-5551

We have two numbers to call for all other information:

263-5531

263-5444

Officers of the department are: Clarence Grover, Jr., Chief; Dennis Richardson, Deputy Chief; Kerry Stapleton, Assistant Chief; David Undeen, Captain; Robert Howe, Lieutenant; and Kenneth Murray, Secretary-Treasurer. Trustees are: Warren Child, Leslie Spencer, Russell Aldridge, Allan Hazeltine, and Ronald Lockwood.

Clarence Grover, Jr., Chief

**Treasurer's Statement - West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.**

Receipts

Balance on hand 1/1/70	\$ 867.45
Appropriation from Town of Weathersfield	2,000.00
Burning fields	65.00
Donations	75.00
Rug raffle	129.00
Personal equipment	51.25
Hawks Mountain Grange #499	5.00
Hawks Mountain Youth Grange #499	5.00
Sale of small building	20.00
Unpaid balance of "120" Clubs	150.00
Sale of town road maps	50.00
	<u>                        </u>
	\$3,417.70

Disbursements

Trucks, gas, lube and repairs	\$ 239.78
Insurance	346.00
Rent	120.00
Telephone	22.91
Generator expense	16.25
Interest on loan	56.59
Principal on loan	500.00
Snow plowing	60.00
Equipment (Air Packs, coats, hyd. wrench chain tightener)	1,094.99
Misc. (radio repairs, parts, supper, tickets, rope, paint, recording logs, etc.)	<u>                        </u> 339.62
	<u>                        </u> 2,796.14
Balance on hand 1/1/71	\$ <u>                        </u> 621.56

## **Ascutney Volunteer Fire Association**

1970 was a busy year for your Fire Department. We put our new combination tanker-pumper into service and have purchased some of the items needed to equip it - with more to get in 1971.

### Major items obtained:

- 1400 feet new fire hose
- Boots, coats and helmets
- Radio
- Resuscitator
- First Aid kits
- One portable pump
- Indian tanks

In 1970 we had 28 meetings and drills to learn to use the new equipment.

We attended a Mutual Aid Fire School in Springfield.

We had 10 fires in the Ascutney Fire District. One fire was on I-91 and was the result of an auto accident in which two lives were lost.

We attended the Annual Claremont Firemen's Parade and won first prize for the best-looking apparatus.

We have a new furnace for the firehouse - due to the efforts of Mr. Roger Hinkley and the business people in town.

We installed a dry hydrant near the center of town - with the help of Mr. Percy Bliss and Mr. Tom Martin.

The town has now provided one phone for all fire and police emergencies. The number is 674-2185.

We continue to have suppers and raffles to raise money to help pay our operating expenses and are trying to operate our Fire Department in a business-like manner. We believe the taxpayer in the Ascutney Fire District is getting good fire protection for the \$2000.00 the town voted us in 1970 and request the same for 1971.

We welcome any suggestions for making our department more efficient.

Our officers for 1971 are: Henry C. Cobb, Chief; Clarence Stillson, First Assistant Chief; Brian Jones, Second Assistant Chief; Percy Bliss, Captain.

Henry C. Cobb, Chief

# **Financial Statement - Ascutney Volunteer Fire Association - 1970**

## Receipts

Balance on hand 1/1/70	\$2,090.25
Sale of fire extinguishers	259.58
Sale of Chevrolet truck	75.00
Suppers	356.39
Donations	98.20
Raffles	219.00
Town of Weathersfield	2,000.00
Furnace fund	<u>407.00</u>
	\$5,505.42

## Disbursements

Heat, lights, insurance	\$ 820.36
New furnace	463.35
Truck maintenance (oil, gas, repairs, registration)	217.66
Supper expenses	113.90
Hose	1,280.00
Boots, coats, helmets	490.75
Radio	123.90
Hale portable pump (used)	175.00
Resuscitator	71.15
Equipment for new truck (fittings, tools, canvas, lettering, ladder)	737.73
Misc. firehouse supplies and equipment	<u>348.42</u>
	4,842.22
Checking account balance	\$ 663.20
Savings account balance	<u>113.58</u>
Balance on hand 1/1/71	\$ 776.78

## **Health Officer's Report**

This year has been a get-acquainted year with the laws and the townspeople. My main theme has been pollution, in the air, water, and on the ground. We have had many cases of water pollution and open septic systems in Weathersfield. In all cases action has been taken to correct the violations.

As Health Officer, it is difficult to find or know about violations. We must rely on our citizens to alert us to investigate possible problem areas.

It is the responsibility of all of us to protect what we now have and set right the unadulterated violations of our natural resources. On a national level the cry is for ecology. My job would be easier if we would think about our own little place here in Weathersfield, and make it right with nature. Again I urge you to act now in actively cleaning the township of all forms of pollution, whether it be junk cars, dumps, septic systems, head lice, or any health hazard before we personally make your acquaintance.

Water sample bottles are available for residents. When was the last time your water was checked?

Question: What constitutes a mobilehome park? Answer: Any plot of ground under single ownership upon which two or more mobile or transportable homes, occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, are located. Any dwellings falling within this definition must file for a license and pay the appropriate fee at the Town Office. This has been in effect since the first of last year.

We urge any resident or non-resident within our township who is planning any land development to check with our Health Department or an authorized person before pursuing the project. With the new environmental laws in effect, you may be in violation - which could cause you considerable inconvenience.

Raymond E. Denault

# **Springfield Visiting Nurses**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR WEATHERSFIELD**

Visits made in 1970

Skilled Nursing	261
Home Health Aides	78
Health Promotion	16
Total	355

Individual patients served by this Agency                    14

1970 Clinics and attendance

Preschool	52
Mothercraft	2
Glaucoma	7
Diabetes	1
Baby Sitting	• 6
Flu	105
Immunizations	22
Total attendance	195

Marie Schoff, R.N., B.S.E.  
Director

Weathersfield joined the Springfield Visiting Nurses Association last year by voting \$2,000.00 at Town Meeting.

The Association reports that it ran into a critical financial situation in 1970 due to cutbacks in Medicare payments for home nursing care for the chronically ill patients with purpose of preventing regressions and complications. Restrictions were placed on personal care services for patients whose conditions had stabilized.

The Governor's Emergency Funding Committee has agreed that emergency funds would be found to assist in 1970 as the necessity for home care could not be ignored.

## **Vermont State Department of Health**

This is a report to the residents of your town describing the health services which have been rendered during the state fiscal year July 1, 1969 through June 30, 1970. These services are carefully planned so that maximum benefit may be gained from each tax dollar. For instance, one clinic may serve many towns if the number of patients is small. On the other hand, when a service is needed in a town or city, we make every effort to provide it.

I invite you to discuss this report with your friends and health officer and I would welcome any impressions which you care to forward to me.

The following is a list of some of the health services to the residents of Weathersfield:

Number of well-child and school medical conferences, and immunization clinics held in this town	7
Attendance of town residents at above conferences or clinics in this or nearby towns	305
Number of children served at the child development clinic	1
Number of children aided at handicapped children's clinic for speech, hearing, orthopedic, plastic, neurological or cardiac problems	8
Attendance at dental health and brushing classes, and dental inspections	75
People X-rayed for tuberculosis detection	14
People X-rayed for occupational diseases	5
People served at tumor clinics	1
Attendance at diabetes clinics or physician's office screening for diabetes	18
Attendance at glaucoma screening clinics	6
Attendance at amblyopia screening clinics (3 to 5 year olds)	32
Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough immunizations	33
Polio immunizations	35
Smallpox immunizations	10
Red measles (rubeola) immunizations	10
Rubella (German measles) immunizations	234
Number of water samples (private and public supplies)	65

Blood specimens tested (pre-marital, pre-natal and other)	36
Other laboratory specimens	7
Nutrition and dietary consultations, demonstrations, services	2
Inspections and consultations to hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, and home health agencies	14
Sanitary inspections and consultations to licensed food and lodging establishments and to other public and private facilities	54
Public Health Nurse visits to individuals	220
Number served by above visits	103
Other consultations, program and group service activities of Public Health Nurses	100

R. B. Aiken, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner of Health

## **Windsor County Mental Health Services, Inc.**

Fifteen (15) different people from Weathersfield were seen a total of 88 times. This represents more than one percent (1%) of the total caseload of Windsor County Mental Health.

On the basis of this service we have requested an article for this year's Town Meeting asking for an increase in the appropriation from \$300.00 to \$600.00.

V. B. Harrison, Jr. ACSW  
Executive Director

## **State Department of Social Welfare Report**

All of the figures reported this year are for calendar year 1970 except the General Assistance figures which are for fiscal year 1970, that is, the twelve month period ending June 30, 1970. General Assistance is the program that was formerly operated by the Overseer of the Poor. Monthly average number of recipients is a monthly average of total people served, except in General Assistance where the count is of cases rather than total people within the cases as the latter count is not available.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Average Number of Recipients</u>
Aid to the Aged	\$ 2,022.	2
Aid to the Blind	173.	1
Aid to the Disabled	875.	1
Aid to Needy Families with Children	31,994.	43
General Assistance	6,326.	18
Bonus Food Stamps	13,666.	99

The above figures do not include money payment recipients residing in nursing homes or mental hospitals as there does not appear to be a fair way of assigning a town of residence to these people.

In addition, medical vendor payments for the calendar year 1970 totaled about \$15,000,000 (more than one-third of all Department of Social Welfare expenditures) and payments in behalf of committed children totaled more than \$1,400,000 for a monthly average of more than 1550 children. No doubt residents of Weathersfield were numbered among those who benefited from these expenditures.

J. W. Betit  
Commissioner

## **Interim Zoning Regulation**

(Effective January 1, 1971 per Board of Selectmen of the Town of Weathersfield and the Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Perkinsville)

Section 1: During the period of two years, or less if the voters adopt regular zoning regulations before the end of two years, land development (as defined by section 4303 of the Vermont Planning and Development Act, Title 24, Section 4301 ff., V.S.A.) in this town and in this incorporated village will be regulated by the following Interim Zoning regulation:

Section 2: The following three types of land development are automatically permitted and may be started without contacting any town officials:

2.1: Erection of not more than one residential structure for one or two family use, or not more than one mobile home on a foundation, on a lot of not less than one acre having at least 150 feet frontage on a public highway or any road having access to a public highway, which structure, including attached and detached structures such as garages and barns, shall be set back at least 40 feet from the right of way of the highway or any road having access to a public highway and at least 25 feet from all side and rear property lines;

2.2: Alteration or improvement of existing structure insofar as same constitutes a remodeling thereof without causing a change in the use or character of the property, and insofar as the same does not bring any part of any structure closer than 40 feet to the right of way of the highway or any road having access to a public highway, nor closer than 25 feet to any side or rear property line;

2.3: Erection, alteration or improvement of structures for agricultural use, insofar as the same does not bring any part of any structure closer than 40 feet to the right of way of the highway or any road having access to a public highway, nor closer than 25 feet to any side or rear property line.

Section 3: Any small lot in individual and separate and non-affiliated ownership from surrounding properties in existence on the effective date of this Interim Zoning regulation may be developed for the purposes permitted in this Interim Zoning regulation even though not conforming to minimum lot requirements if such lot is not less than 40 feet in width and in length and is not less

than one-eighth of an acre in area, provided the Town Health Officer has given his written approval of the location and construction of the proposed sewage and water systems.

Section 4: All types of land development not described in sections 2 and 3 may be started only on the following conditions, the "Board" referred to in this section and any subsequent sections being the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, and, in cases concerning land within the Incorporated Village of Perkinsville, also the Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Perkinsville, Vermont:

4.1: An application describing such development to the satisfaction of this Board shall be submitted to this Board by the person who wishes to proceed with such development;

4.2: A public hearing, after public notice as defined in section 4447 of said act, will then be held thereon, within 30 days of said satisfactory application submittal;

4.3: In the event that this Board finds that the proposed development is consistent with the purposes of this Interim Zoning regulation and the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of said town, and, further, is in conformance with those general and specific standards described in section 4407 (2) of said act, this Board will direct the issuance by the administrative officer of a permit for the described and approved development within 30 days of said hearing.

Section 5: Any interested persons dissatisfied with the Board's decision may file appeals from said decision as set forth in subchapter 8 of sections 4461 through 4473 of said act.

Section 6: The provisions of this Interim Zoning regulation shall be administered and enforced as provided in subchapter 7, sections 4441 through 4448 of said act; and appeals in respect thereto shall be taken and heard as provided in subchapter 8, sections 4461 through 4473; provided however that notwithstanding section 4443 of said act a permit for a type of development which is referred to in section 4 of this Interim Zoning regulation shall only be issued upon the written order and approval of this Board. No fee will be charged for any permit issued under that section.

Section 7: If any provision of this Interim Zoning regulation or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the regulation which can be given effect without the

invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this regulation are severable.

Section 8: This Interim Zoning regulation shall take effect January 1, 1971 and shall expire on December 31, 1972, unless previously revoked by the Board after public hearing upon public notice as defined in said act.

#### REQUIREMENT FOR NEW ROADS TO BE TAKEN OVER BY THE TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VT.

Any developer planning a new road to be taken over eventually by the Town of Weathersfield must meet the following requirements:

1. Three (3) rod right-of-way.
2. 18" gravel base.
3. 3" crushed gravel surface.
4. Road should be 24' shoulder to shoulder.
5. 18" minimum culvert size, with stone or concrete inlet and outlet headwalls.
6. A good ditch along both sides of the road.
7. 10 per cent maximum grade.
8. Normal crown one-quarter inch (1/4") per foot each side of center on a straight road. On a curve, crown will be such that water will not set on surface of road.

People adding driveways to the town highways should contact the Town Highway Department or the Town Manager.





# Weathersfield School Report - 1970

## Treasurer's Statement - School Account - 1970

Balance, January 1, 1970	\$ 33,463.48
Receipts 1/1/70 to 7/1/70	
Short Term Loans	157,000.00
Bus Fares	338.25
State Aid	
Debt Retirement	3,980.00
Extra State Aid	10,632.00
Refunds	617.69
Hot Lunch Program	310.75
Student Activities	198.50
Miscellaneous	16.74
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	\$206,558.01

### Disbursements 1/1/70 to 7/1/70

Administration	
Salaries	\$ 3,414.09
Other	2,026.09
Instructional	
Salaries	58,354.04
Secretaries	1,773.44
Teacher Aids	470.02
Books	41.22
Audio and Library	1,787.78
Supplies	586.82
Other	30.39
Health	10.92
Transportation	
Service	10,877.96
Gas and Oil	770.00
Repairs	310.70
Other	3.10
Operation of Plant	
Salaries	2,757.68
Services	60.00
Heat	4,506.38
Electricity	3,632.34
Telephone	332.48
Supplies	99.61
Maintenance	4,765.08
Fixed Charges	2,675.81
Hot Lunch Program	903.40

Student Activities	105.00
Capital Outlay	183.80
Bonds and Interest	10,878.50
Tuition	67,187.12
Petty Cash Account	25.00
Payroll Deductions	<u>22,185.33</u>
	<u>200,754.10</u>
Balance, July 1, 1970	\$ 5,803.91
July 1, 1970 Balance	\$ 5,803.91
Receipts 7/1/70 to 12/31/70	
Short Term Loans	50,000.00
Bus Fares	1,175.25
State of Vermont	
State Aid	147,607.00
1st Award Building Aid	1,200.00
Debt Retirement	3,893.05
Real Estate Tax	287,822.77
Flood Tax	8,199.71
Poll Tax	4,359.12
Sinking Fund (\$.80 added tax rate)	54,244.98
Hot Lunch Reimbursement	600.00
Miscellaneous	<u>357.50</u>
	\$565,263.29
Disbursements as per School Board Manifests	<u>509,017.41</u>
Balance, January 1, 1971	\$ 56,245.88

# School Budget

## EXPENDITURES

	<u>1970 Budget</u>	<u>1970 Actual</u>	<u>Budget 1971, 72</u>
Administration			
School Board &			
Contract Services	\$ 650.00	\$ 658.15	\$ 1,700.00
Supt's. Office	11,043.58	9,686.76	11,876.00
Town Treasurer	1,050.00	930.19	500.00
Total	12,743.58	11,275.10	14,076.00
Instruction			
Salaries	163,513.00	144,869.96	178,241.00
Books	6,928.36	5,846.96	9,007.00
Supplies	4,954.06	4,489.18	9,461.25
Other	2,230.00	1,066.69	1,882.00
Total	177,625.42	156,272.79	198,591.25
Health Services	975.00	45.76	1,850.00
Transportation			
Salaries	2,955.00	3,028.98	3,103.00
Contracted	15,120.00	15,516.48	20,525.00
Other	2,660.00	2,308.19	2,210.00
Total	20,735.00	20,853.65	25,838.00
Operation of Plant			
Salaries	6,900.00	7,542.93	7,300.00
Contracted Services	800.00	913.00	1,000.00
Heat	4,300.00	3,813.77	4,400.00
Utilities	7,950.00	8,765.64	9,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,596.72	1,694.40
Total	21,950.00	22,632.06	23,394.40
Maintenance of Plant	4,975.00	6,626.85	4,585.90
Fixed Security			
Social Security	7,000.00	6,196.58	10,000.00
Insurance	7,975.00	4,408.95	6,075.00
Interest on Current			
Loans	5,000.00	6,708.09	7,000.00
Total	19,975.00	17,313.62	23,075.00
Hot Lunch	500.00	916.00	
Student Activities	500.00	162.00	400.00

Capital Outlay	14,450.00	11,897.70	21,169.20
Tuition	161,000.00	148,216.91	188,500.00
Debt Service			
1955 Bonds	3,270.00	3,337.50	3,236.25
1962 Bonds	2,800.00	2,832.00	2,768.00
1964 Bonds	12,890.00	13,060.00	12,720.00
1969 Bonds	26,010.00	26,460.00	25,560.00
Total	44,970.00	45,689.50	44,284.25
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$480,399.00</b>	<b>\$441,901.94</b>	<b>\$545,764.00</b>
Sinking Fund		\$ 54,244.98	536.76 ✓
Payment on Current Loan		207,000.00	520.74 ✓
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$703,146.92</b>	
Checks made out prior to 12/31/70 and not processed by Treasurer until after that date		- 956.46	
Orders made out prior to 12/31/69 and not processed by Treasurer until after that date		+ 7,581.04	
<b>ADJUSTED TOTAL</b>		<b>\$709,771.50</b>	

## RECEIPTS

	<u>1970 Estimate</u>	<u>1970 Actual</u>	<u>1971 Estimate</u>
Balance	\$ 33,463.47	\$ 33,463.47	\$ 56,245.88
State Aid	140,632.00	158,239.00	147,000.00
Taxes (Real Estate) (Poll)	289,109.53 392	287,822.77 4,359.12	315,543.12 4,300.00
Flood Damage - State	6,500.00	8,199.71	8,200.00 <i>110.00</i>
Bus Taxes	1,200.00	1,513.50	500.00
Refunds and Misc.	500.00	1,190.43	500.00
Hot Lunch Reimbursem't		910.75	
20% Reimbursement on Bond Indebtedness (State)	8,994.00	7,873.65	9,050.00
Building Aid - State		1,200.00	4,425.00
Total	\$480,399.00	\$504,772.40	\$545,764.00
Sinking Fund		54,244.98	515.1
Loans		207,000.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$766,017.38</b>	

## School Directors' Report

Due to the population growth in the town it is again time to consider building needs. The School Directors have asked a committee of citizens to study the problems and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The P.T.G.'s in both schools have been very helpful to the School Directors in making both buildings more educationally effective.

The Weathersfield Teachers Association is to be commended for accepting the same salary schedule for the coming school year. This has enabled the Directors to hold cost increases to a minimum in view of economic conditions.

The addition of a supervising principal has done much to bring stability and continuity to the educational program. The schools are indeed fortunate in having such an able administrator.

The teaching staff is to be commended for the outstanding job they have done this year.

### ENROLLMENT - September 1, 1970

Grade	Tuition Students					
	Ascutney	Perkinsville	Windsor	Springfield	Claremont	Other*
1	51		17			
2	27		18			
3	34		20			
4	23		17			
5	22		21			
6	18		23			
7	18		13			
8	18		22			
9				8	21	2
10				12	32	
11				15	28	1
12				8	21	
	211	151	43	102	3	4

\* Phillips Exeter Academy  
Kimball Union Academy  
Pioneer Valley Regional  
Holderness School } No grade level submitted on  
Tuition Invoices

## STAFF

<u>Ascutney:</u>	Mrs. Connie Laber Miss Kathryn Paulson Miss Judith Mosman Mrs. Joan Holzwarth Miss Sandra Bushor Mrs. Joan Holzwarth Mrs. Evelyn McCoy Mr. Thomas Allen Mrs. Christine Goltzer Mrs. Grace Stillson Mrs. Sally Marchand Mrs. Judith Patterson  Mrs. Eleanor Rice Mrs. Esther Graham Mrs. Marilyn Houghton  Mr. R. Donald LaPointe	Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3  Social Studies      Grades 4-8 Language Arts     Grades 4-8 Language Arts     Grades 4-8 Language Arts     Grades 4-8 Science              Grades 4-8 Mathematics        Grades 4-8  Remedial Reading Librarian Secretary  Supervising Principal
<u>Perkinsville:</u>	Mrs. Mary Harriman Mrs. Barbara LaPointe Mr. James May Mrs. Virginia Bellows Mrs. Barbara Richardson Mrs. Norma Washburn Mr. Leo Laitres Mr. Frank Dietz  Mrs. Elizabeth Ochs Mrs. Enid Barr Mrs. Wanda Harrington  Mr. R. Donald LaPointe	Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8  Librarian Secretary Physical Education  Supervising Principal

Roger W. Eastman, Chairman  
Mrs. Agnes Torp, Clerk  
Mr. Peter Daniels  
School Directors

James E. Tierney,  
Superintendent of Schools  
Harold M. Grigg, Jr.  
Assistant Superintendent

## **Principal's Report**

### Ascutney:

The year 1970 saw a continued increase in the school's enrollment. Because of this it was necessary to add another first year class, part-time persons for second year students and another third year teacher.

To house this increase the partitioned end of the cafeteria became the science room for intermediate and upper level students and the teachers' room began sharing facilities with the library's magazine storage work room. This was to provide space in the old teachers' room for the overflow of second year students.

Presently working on this problem is a study committee established by the School board. This committee will formulate proposals for near-future and long-range solutions to the increased enrollment situation.

During the summer the school library was kept open on a once a week basis. The library was staffed by several of the teachers, the school secretary and the librarian, who volunteered their time.

It is worth noting that several persons representing Vermont schools asked for and received permission to visit the Ascutney School library. These schools were in the process of planning their own libraries.

The winter physical education program was expanded to include candle pin bowling, ten pin bowling, and swimming, in addition to skiing. The program continues to be supported by the individuals participating and various fund-raising projects.

Several parents and teachers volunteered to help paint several of the classrooms. Four of the rooms in the 1954 and 1963 sections were done.

### Perkinsville:

In 1970 the following occurred:

1. Grades five through eight became self-contained classrooms with limited departmentalization.
2. The teachers in grades one through three started using

a different form of report card. The emphasis is on communicating specific items of success and difficulty. The progress reports were the results of many months of preparation by the first, second and third grade teachers. The reports will continue in use during the 1970-71 school year.

3. The school library has seen increased use during the latter part of 1970. This is attributed to an "open door" policy which allows students to visit the library any time it is open, rather than at prearranged time for each grade. Circulation is running 840 books per month, which is an increase of 460 over last year.

4. Mrs. Barbara LaPointe, second grade teacher, was awarded a grant to use a "listening - read" project in her classroom. The project involved the taping of literature books for second grade students. The grant was awarded by the Windsor Southeast Curriculum Council.

5. Much volunteer work has been provided by the P.T.G. in assisting in repairs on the entrance way to the 1879 section and remodeling of areas within the building.

#### Ascutney-Perkinsville:

The Weathersfield schools are committed to the Vermont Design for Education. We believe, and always have, that each individual should be educated to the fullest of his abilities. It is with commitment to this belief that we shall strive to provide the best possible education for our children. Our curriculum development will continue to strive toward excellence in providing an education based upon our environment and community values.

In 1970 the Weathersfield teachers, as a whole and individually, actively participated in several educational conferences and classes, given by the University of Vermont, were held at the Ascutney School and attended by teachers from throughout the area. The class was in session 15 weeks.

Weathersfield teachers were well represented at Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union Vermont Design Council; Windsor Southeast Teacher Workshops; Weathersfield Teachers Workshops; Southeastern Vermont Reading Council; Vermont Action Center Workshops; and the Vermont Reading Association. Several Weathersfield teachers attended classes given by Keene State College and the University of Vermont.

An increased use of community resources has been noted in both schools. Several speakers have visited classes in both schools, the use of the facilities of Dartmouth College has increased, and several visits have been made to area industries and businesses.

The schools are continuing to make use of federal funds made available to us through the State Department of Education. In September the services of a reading coordinator, Mrs. Eleanor Robinson, were obtained. Mrs. Robinson is working with reading development in all district schools; second, the Ascutney School has the services of a remedial reading teacher; and third, the school libraries continue to purchase a number of volumes with the use of federal funds.

Once again this year we are fortunate to offer our appreciation to both Parent-Teacher organizations and to several individuals for their tireless and very helpful work. The services they have performed are endless. Thank you.

R. Donald LaPointe  
Principal

## 1970 Births

Name	Sex	Date	Place	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Lisa Amette Doody	F	Jan. 19	Springfield	Weathersfield	Maynard O. Doody	Geraldine R. Cochran
Robert James Stanton	M	Feb. 1	Springfield	Ascutney	James A. Stanton	Ruth B. Kane
Joseph Frederick Clark	M	Feb. 5	Springfield	Perkinsville	Michael J. Clark	Sandra J. Fisher
Lisa Marie Nason	F	Feb. 15	Springfield	Perkinsville	Eric W. Nason	Marguerite A. Mayhew
Margaret Anne Lockwood	F	Feb. 19	Springfield	Weathersfield	Dexter B. Lockwood, Jr.	Roberta J. Lamphere
Elizabeth Parker Wood	F	Mar. 16	Springfield	Weathersfield	Lyle P. Wood	Harriet M. Colby
Douglas Raymond Reed, Jr.	M	Mar. 29	Springfield	Perkinsville	Douglas R. Reed	Nancy J. Gould
Scott Frederick Richardson	M	Apr. 3	Springfield	Perkinsville	Gary P. Richardson	Barbara Ann Spinelli
Daryl Wayne Pollard	M	May 19	Springfield	Weathersfield	Dennis H. Pollard	Dianne R. Hutchinson
Veronica Marie Lagro	F	May 21	Springfield	Weathersfield	Donald E. Lagro, Jr.	Donna M. Parker
Pamela Jean Churchill	F	May 30	Randolph, Vt.	Perkinsville	Allan R. Churchill	Nancy Lee Sanford
Conrad C. Moore, II	M	June 11	Springfield	Weathersfield	Conrad C. Moore	Leilani Lee Rabtoy
Mary Melissa Grover	F	June 15	Springfield	Perkinsville	Clarence N. Grover, Jr.	Dorothy M. Lindgren
Gregory George Milenkevich	M	July 23	Springfield	Weathersfield	George E. Milenkevich	Judith K. Jurkowski
Bernard Putnam Stone	M	July 24	Townshend, Vt.	Weathersfield	Chester M. Stone	Roberta I. Putnam
Kurt Reynolds Webster	M	Aug. 3	Springfield	Perkinsville	Richard L. Webster	Lynn Ann Flagg
Robin Lea Buck	F	Aug. 17	Claremont, N.H.	Weathersfield	Floyd E. Buck	Lucinda M. Strong
David John LaVoie	M	Aug. 24	Springfield	Weathersfield	John F. LaVoie	Ida P. Ulasewicz
Frank Blake, Jr.	M	Aug. 28	Springfield	Perkinsville	Frank Blake	Linda Holly Wells
Bobbi-Jo Frances Topolski	F	Aug. 31	Springfield, Mass.	Weathersfield	Robert S. Topolski	Barbara J. Faye
Tammy Sue Aiken	F	Oct. 21	Springfield	Perkinsville	Delbert C. Aiken	Flora V. King
Juanita Lynn Kendall	F	Dec. 4	Rockingham, Vt.	Perkinsville	Everett M. Kendall	Marjorie E. Spafford
Jeffrey Perham Ellis	M	Dec. 5	Springfield	Perkinsville	Walter Perham Ellis	Marjorie Kay Alex
Raymond Edward Stapleton	M	Dec. 7	Springfield	Perkinsville	Kerry Allen Stapleton	Denise Alice Trombly
Kelly Ann Smith	F	Dec. 11	Springfield	Perkinsville	Edward Henry Smith	Carol Susan Alfano

## 1970 Marriages

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Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place of Marriage
Thomas LeRoy Bartram	Danbury, Conn.	Ilene Mary Eastman	Weathersfield	Jan. 10	Weathersfield Bow
Earl Andrew Small, Jr.	Weathersfield	Sherry Ann Hunsdon	Springfield, Vt.	Jan. 17	Springfield, Vt.
Francis Nelson LaClair	Penacook, N.H.	Arlene Ruth Martin	Penacook, N.H.	Jan. 23	Weathersfield
Raymond Alan Reed	Cornish, N.H.	Nan Jane Van Hoesen	Concord, N.H.	Feb. 28	Weathersfield Bow
James Edward Wright	Weathersfield	Jennie E. Twombly	Irasburg, Vt.	Mar. 7	Weathersfield
Richard Edwin Murray	Weathersfield	Sara Dallas Hawkins	Reading, Vt.	Mar. 14	Windsor, Vt.
William Nathan Smith	Claremont, N.H.	Norma Althea Muzzy	Claremont, N.H.	Mar. 19	Ludlow, Vt.
Porter Paddock Hodgdon	Weathersfield	Loretta Ann Spencer	Weathersfield	Mar. 27	Sharon, Vt.
Ronald Herbert Davis	Weathersfield	Susan Marie Crary	Springfield, Vt.	June 20	Weathersfield Center
Paul George Tisdale	Concord, N.H.	Linda Maude Kidder	Weathersfield	June 20	Ascutney
Clyde A. Jenne	Hartland, Vt.	Charlotte W. Gardner	Weathersfield	June 27	Reading, Vt.
Frank Ernest Keller	Weathersfield	Marceline Van Ness	Fairfield, Conn.	June 28	Weathersfield Center
Graham Alan Fitch	Weathersfield	Carol Anne Ferguson	Springfield, Vt.	July 4	Windsor, Vt.
Robert Leon Baker	Weathersfield	Theresa Marjorie Carpenter	Weathersfield	July 17	Windsor, Vt.
Wayne David Davis	Windsor, Vt.	Sandra Lee Rumrill	Weathersfield	Aug. 8	No. Springfield, Vt.
Ronald Earl Corliss	Springfield, Vt.	Gail Louise Ambrose	Perkinsville	Aug. 15	Perkinsville
Robert John Stoughton	Weathersfield	Betsy Lee Stocker	Weathersfield	Aug. 15	Windsor, Vt.
John Henry Bullard	Weathersfield	Rhona Sue Anderson	Springfield, Vt.	Aug. 16	Weathersfield Center
Bradley Vern Litchfield	Weathersfield	Bonnie Lee Farrar	Springfield, Vt.	Sept. 4	No. Springfield, Vt.
Laurier Wilfred Bissonnette	Charlestown, N.H.	Beth Hayward Kidder	Weathersfield	Sept. 26	Ascutney
Frederick Leo Jarvis	Weathersfield	Shirley Estelle Bruce	Weathersfield	Oct. 10	Perkinsville
Russell James Bastian	Claremont, N.H.	Mary Lou Bacon	Weathersfield	Oct. 17	Springfield, Vt.
Donald Henry Baker	Weathersfield	Charlene Ida Cahill	Rockingham, Vt.	Nov. 7	Weathersfield Center
Lawrence Arnold Flynn	Newport, R.I.	Georgia Lee White	Claremont, N.H.	Nov. 14	Weathersfield
Dennis Joseph Filiault	Newport, N.H.	Linda Ann Simonds	Weathersfield	Nov. 14	Ascutney
Stewart Gene Spurr	Perkinsville	Gayle June Pitts	Springfield, Vt.	Nov. 28	Springfield, Vt.
Verne E. Adams	Perkinsville	Shirley Mae Falzo	Springfield, Vt.	Dec. 12	Springfield, Vt.
Senical Earl Erskine	Windsor, Vt.	Becky Jean Robinson	Weathersfield	Dec. 12	Ascutney
Kenneth Knowlton Babbitt, Jr.	Westminster, Vt.	Mary Anne Dow	Weathersfield	Dec. 19	Windsor, Vt.

## Deaths

Name	Sex	Age	Date	Place of Death	Residence	Place of Burial
Margaret Peirce	F	82	Mar. 3, 1969	Berkeley, California	Weathersfield	Weathersfield Center
John J. Gerey	M	63	Dec. 27	Hanover, N.H.	- -	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Philip Edward Hatch, Sr.	M	81	Feb. 6, 1970	Lebanon, N.H.	- -	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
James T. O'Connor	M	74	Feb. 7	Hartford, Vt.	Ascutney	St. Anthony Cemetery, Hartford, Vt.
Evelyn M. Dole	F	66	Feb. 12	Springfield, Vt.	- -	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
Richard J. Hoisington	M	62	Feb. 20	Hartford, Vt.	Weathersfield	Ascutney Cemetery, Windsor, Vt.
Fredrus Lincoln Shepard, Jr.	M	28	Feb. 26	Weathersfield	Ascutney	Ascutney Cemetery, Windsor, Vt.
Lucy M. Butterfield	F	87	Mar. 10	Claremont, N.H.	Weathersfield Bow	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
Charles L. Graham	M	58	Apr. 12	Springfield, Vt.	Perkinsville	East Wallingford, Vt. Cemetery
Gretchen D. Tolles	F	76	Apr. 30	Windsor, Vt.	-	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
John Dean Wright	M	84	May 2	Brookline, Mass.	Perkinsville	- -
Michael W. Davis	M	2	June 3	Rutland, Vt.	Ascutney	Ascutneyville Cemetery
George Lyman Bargfrede	M	51	July 17	Springfield, Vt.	Perkinsville	Riverside Cemetery, Londonderry, Vt.
Arthur H. Smead	M	55	July 26	Weathersfield	Weathersfield Bow	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
Allen Oell Cook	M	51	Aug. 14	Hartford, Vt.	-	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Miriam H. Young	F	68	Aug. 15	Claremont, N.H.	-	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
Malcolm Edward LaFlam	M	57	Sept. 7	Weathersfield	Weathersfield	St. Francis Cemetery, Windsor, Vt.
Joseph Patrick Maguire	M	18	Oct. 18	Weathersfield	Glen Cove, N.Y.	Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury, N.Y.
Richard Nelson	M	19	Oct. 18	Weathersfield	Glen Cove, N.Y.	St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brookville, N.Y.
Willard M. Cady	M	73	Oct. 19	Laconia, N.H.	-	Ascutneyville Cemetery
Florence E. Thompson	F	86	Oct. 29	Springfield, Vt.	Perkinsville	Riverside Cemetery, Woodstock, Vt.
Mildred Stoddard	F	77	Nov. 19	Bellows Falls, Vt.	-	Ascutneyville Cemetery
George L. Gates	M	88	Nov. 26	Windsor, Vt.	Perkinsville	Hillcrest Cemetery, Proctorsville, Vt.
Richard Anthony Martin	M	30	Dec. 19	Weathersfield	Mt. View Cemetery, Claremont, N.H.	

## **1971 Town Meeting Warning**

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Multipurpose Room in the Perkinsville Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 1971 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles: (Voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 1971 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.)

Article 1. To elect Town Officers by Australian Ballot.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the showing of X and R and 'adult only' rated movies in open air theaters in the Town of Weathersfield. (By petition)

Article 3. To act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1970.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5. To see what the Town will vote to pay Town Officers for their services and travel expenses.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to perform the duties which the Tax Collector now performs by law. For collecting taxes, the Town Manager may charge and receive the same fees that the collector of taxes charges. The fees collected will be paid into the Town treasury. These duties to be assumed after the March 1972 Town Meeting.

Article 8. To see if the Town of Weathersfield will accept the following bequest from Anna Billings Clark: "Third, I give and bequeath to the Town of Weathersfield the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), the same to be added to the funds invested by the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Weathersfield, and the income therefrom to be used for the care of the lots in the cemetery which is under the control of the Weathersfield Cemetery Commissioners, and which said cemetery is adjacent to the Plains Cemetery."

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Joint Zoning Commission with the Incorporated Village of Perkinsville to prepare a preliminary zoning plan?

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate \$150.00 to be used for the 1971 Memorial Day Parade by a Committee appointed by the Selectmen.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to exempt the land and buildings of the Weathersfield Historical Society from all town taxes, both real estate and personal property, for a period of five years. (By request)

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Windsor County Mental Health Services, Inc. (Funds from State \$1,200.00)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the budget of the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:

To pay taxes to the Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due June 1st, and delinquent after July 1st.

To have real estate and personal property taxes due September 1st and delinquent after December 1st

To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half of one per cent per month or fraction thereof.

Article 15. To transact any other business deemed proper when met not involving the expenditure of Town Funds.

Dated at Weathersfield, Vermont this 29th day of January, 1971

Henry N. Hicks  
Robert G. Brogdale  
Raymond E. Denault

Weathersfield Selectmen

## School District Warning

The legal voters of the Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Multipurpose Room in the Perkinsville Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 1971 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles. Voting on the first article will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 1971 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Article 1. To elect School District Officers by Australian Ballot.

Article 2. To act upon the report of the School Directors for the year ending December 31, 1970.

Article 3. To see if the Town will take advantage of Title 16 Section 381 V.S.A. amended and elect two additional School Board members to serve one-year terms.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to support Public Kindergarten in the Town of Weathersfield. (This article is requested by State Law.)

Article 5. To see what the Town will vote to pay Town School Officers for their services and travel expenses.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a sum of \$15,000 for the installation of portable teaching areas in the Ascutney Multipurpose Room to relieve the over-crowded condition in the Ascutney Elementary School. (Less anticipated 30% State Aid.) (By request of Study Committee.)

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Weathersfield School District to own and operate its own buses.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Board to adjust the \$.80 Sinking Fund which concerns the change of the School Fiscal Year, in the event that the State requirement is amended in the legislature this year from 1972 to 1977.

Article 9. To see what specific sum of money the Town School District will vote to raise for expenses, capital improvements, or other lawful purposes to the end of the school year next ensuing - all in lieu of a rate on a dollar of the Grand List.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 11. To transact any other business necessary and proper.

Dated January 27, 1971

Weathersfield School Directors

Roger W. Eastman  
Agnes S. Torp  
Peter M. Daniels

purchased the so-called Lewis Farm along the Connecticut River in Weathersfield. It joined property bought in May by his brother, Leonard Wilgus of Buffalo. Leonard W. Wilgus became a Weathersfield town lister in 1926. He later served as selectman, town agent, library trustee and cemetery commissioner, and died in 1939 or 1940. Colonel William J. Wilgus built the substantial slate-roofed house in Ascutney, now hidden from passersby by close set tall pine trees. This residence is now owned by Donner and Jayne Carr.

One of Colonel Wilgus' greatest disappointments was the failure of a proposed Green Mountain Parkway. He had planned a scenic drive overlooking the Connecticut River valley from Williamstown, Mass. to Jay Peak in northern Vermont. He had seen the road as a way of obtaining Vermont's share of \$15 million in federal funds during the depression.

John McLane Clark stated about the Colonel: "At the time of his last birthday, he was asked about opportunity for the young today. His reply gave much of the essence of the man and may serve as an inspiration - the best sort of memorial: 'Opportunity is limitless for those with the courage of their convictions plus initiative, courage, persistency and vision.'"

Betty G. Murray

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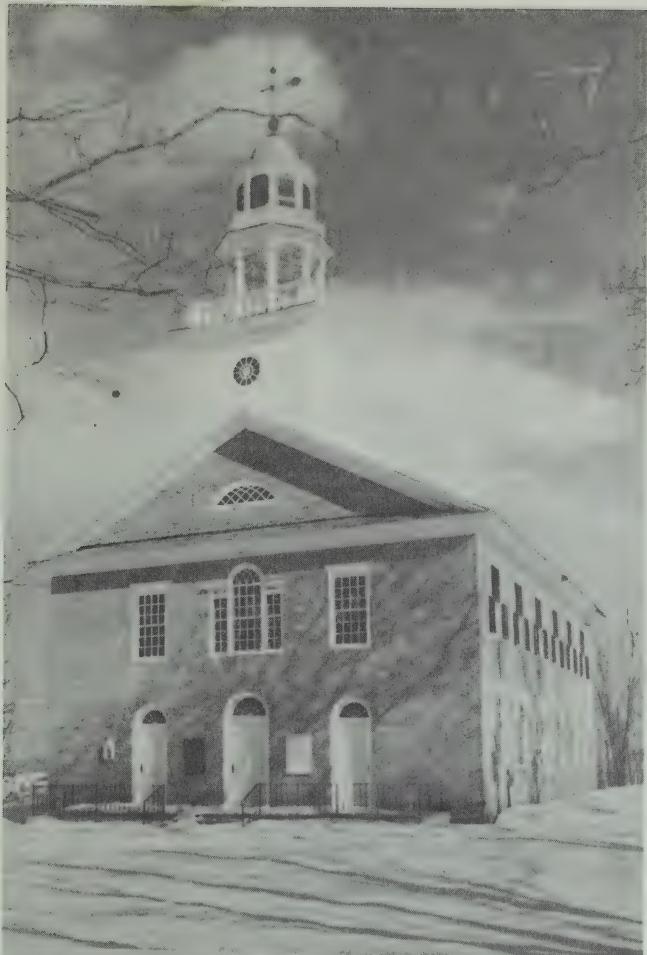


**WEATHERSFIELD TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**Monday, March 1, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. at  
the Perkinsville School Multipurpose Room**

**All Voting by Australian Ballot will be on Tuesday,  
March 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the same place**

Bliss, Percy & Dorothy F  
Ascutney, Vt. 05030



*The Weathersfield Meeting House, Weathersfield Center*  
*C.A. Murray Photo*

**TOWN OF  
WEATHERSFIELD**

**Annual Report 1971**

## THE WEATHERSFIELD MEETING HOUSE

The Weathersfield Meeting House stands on a slight rise at the head of the grove of maple trees in Weathersfield Center.

This picturesque brick building replaces the original white wooden Meeting House which burned on the 25th of March 1821.

Looking back in the town records one learns: "Whereas of late the Meeting House has been reduced to ashes and the inhabitants of the Town of Weathersfield have no House to hold their Town meetings in, and having had two requests in writing signed by more than four freeholders each to warn a Town Meeting - Therefore, we the undersigned Selectmen do hereby notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Weathersfield that are legal voters to meet at the dwelling House of Sewell Clement in said Weathersfield on Thursday 19 day of April instant at 1 o'clock P.M. to act on the following art's. (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2nd To see if the Town will build a Town House or rebuild the Meeting House in said Town or to assist in rebuilding the same with any religious society or societies or Individuals of said Town for the purpose of holding Town Meetings.
- 3rd To see if the Town will give any religious society or societies or individuals of said Town the privilige of building a House for public worship on the Town's land or near where the Meeting House stood, lately consumed by fire.
- 4th To raise money for any of the purposes aforesaid.

Dated at Weathersfield this 4th day of April A.D. 1821.

Amos Hulett, Joshua Upham and Henry Tolles signed as the Selectmen of Weathersfield.

The results of this Town Meeting are recorded thus:

"The first congregational society in the Town of Weathersfield at a legal meeting holden this day have voted to build a Meeting House and propose to give the Town the privilige of holding all Town and freemens (meetings) in said house as long

*(continued inside back cover)*

## Weathersfield Town Officers 1971

Moderator	Melvin R. Butterfield
Town Clerk	Elizabeth G. Murray
Selectman to 1972	Raymond E. Denault
Selectman to 1972 (1 year term)	Neil H. Daniels
Selectman to 1972 (1 year term)	Clarence N. Grover, Jr.
Selectman to 1973	Robert G. Brogdale
Selectman to 1974	Henry N. Hicks
Town Treasurer	Irene P. Hoyt
School Director to 1972	Agnes S. Torp
School Director to 1972 (1 year term)	Roger W. Eastman
School Director to 1972 (1 year term)	Richard O. Hinkley
School Director to 1973	Peter M. Daniels
School Director to 1974	Gary P. Richardson
Lister to 1972	Robert C. Follett
Lister to 1973	Frank W. Brown
Lister to 1974	Walter O. Murray
Auditor to 1972	Honora J. Yessman
Auditor to 1973	Josephine L. Brigham
Auditor to 1974 Katherine Murray, resigned By Appointment to March 7, 1972	Delma Pike
Trustee of Public Money to 1972	Percy I. Bliss
Trustee of Public Money to 1973	Helen W. May
Trustee of Public Money to 1974	Andrew A. Titcomb
First Constable	Robert Z. Gale
Second Constable	Dennis G. Richardson, Sr.
Town Agent	Andrew A. Titcomb
Town Grand Juror	Harold A. Mead
Cemetery Commissioner to 1972	Louise W. Covell (deceased)
Cemetery Commissioner to 1973	Herman S. Young
Cemetery Commissioner to 1974	Andrew A. Titcomb
Cemetery Commissioner to 1975	Celia P. Martin
Cemetery Commissioner to 1976	Grace Stevens
Library Trustee to 1972	Grace M. Stillson
Library Trustee to 1973	Muriel F. Raymond
Library Trustee to 1974	Vera G. Murray
Library Trustee to 1975	Eliza J. Connor
Library Trustee to 1976	Eva G. Spaulding
Tax Collector	John L. Hurd

## **Officers By Appointment**

Town Manager	Karl Stevens
Chief of Police	Robert Z. Gale
Administrative Officer of Interim Zoning	Karl Stevens
Interim Zoning Board	Board of Selectmen
Assistant Town Clerks	C. A. Murray,
Assistant Treasurer	Helen W. May
Chairman of Civil Defense	Angelina J. Hurd
Assistant Chairmen of Civil Defense	Percy I. Bliss
Tree Warden & Forest Fire Warden	Richard A. Connor
Deputy Fire Warden	Karl Stevens
Fence Viewers	Percy I. Bliss
Administrative Officer, Sign Control Ordinance	Clarence N. Grover, Jr.
Health Officer	Alan Hitchcock, Walter O. Murray, Michael Kamel
Trustees Martin Memorial Hall	Andrew A. Titcomb
Town Service Officer	Raymond E. Denault
Southern Windsor County	Thelma C. Hastings, Celia P. Martin
Regional Planning Commission Representative	and Thomas B. Alexander
SEVCA Representative	Karl Stevens
Town Planning Commission	Davis B. Keniston
	Donald G. Standen
	Roald Cann, Chairman
Peter Daniels, Byron J. Parry, Donald G. Standen,	
Davis B. Keniston, Muriel G. Follett (replacing Joan Mead,	
who resigned)	

## **TOWN OFFICERS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Each year in March, town officers' meetings are held to update information concerning the duties of town officers. The meetings also provide opportunity for town officers to become acquainted with State officials and officers from other towns. Meetings in 1972 near Weathersfield are:

- March 14, Town Hall, Bellows Falls
- March 15, Municipal Building, Woodstock
- March 23, Manchester

# **Elected at General Election November 3, 1970**

Justices of the Peace (Term for two years: February 1, 1971 - January 31, 1973)

Norman J. Corey	Walter O. Murray
Robert C. Follett	William C. Waite
Charles A. Murray	Herman S. Young

(Appointed by Governor Deane C. Davis to  
replace Percy I. Bliss who resigned) Richard O. Hinkley

Representative, District 53 (Cavendish-Weathersfield) Henry N. Hicks of  
Weathersfield

## **Qualification of Voters**

All qualified voters are requested to inspect check lists when posted for each election to ensure their names being on the check lists. It is up to every voter to inspect the check list and satisfy himself/herself.

The age of majority has been changed from 21 to 18 years of age. All persons whose names did not appear on the check list used at the March 2, 1971 Town Meeting must file in the office of the Town Clerk a written statement certifying as to the length of time they have been residents of the town. The format is as follows:

### **APPLICATION—ADDITION TO CHECK LIST**

Last Name	First Name	Initial
Town/City of .....	.....	19.....
To the Honorable Board of Civil Authority		
I hereby make application to have my name added to the check list of the Town		
or City of .....		
I am a citizen of the United States and of the State of Vermont; eighteen		
years or more of age; have taken the Freeman's Oath and have resided in		
.....	since .....	(Month, Day, Year)
I voted last in the State of .....		
Naturalization: Place .....	Date .....	
Birthplace .....	Date of Birth .....	
Witness: .....	SIGNED .....	

### **MAILING ADDRESS**

I hereby certify that on the ..... day of ..... 19....., I administered the Freeman's Oath, Oath of Allegiance and the Oath to Support the Constitution of the United States to the within named .....

..... *Town/City Clerk* ..... *Notary Public*.  
At a meeting of the Board of Civil Authority held for the purpose of revising check lists the above named was added to the check list.

Attest: ..... *Town/City Clerk*.

The residence requirements have been changed as follows:

- (a) To vote for electors of President and Vice President of the

United States, one must have resided in the State for 30 days, taken the Freeman's Oath, and completed the above-mentioned form.

- (b) To vote in Primary and General Elections for United States Senators, Representative to Congress and State Officers, one must have resided in the State for 90 days, taken the Freeman's Oath, and completed the above-mentioned form.
- (c) To vote for County, Senatorial District or Representative District Officers, one must have resided in the County, Senatorial or Representative District for 90 days, taken the Freeman's Oath, and completed the above-mentioned form.
- (d) To vote in General Elections for Justices of the Peace, one must have resided in the town for 90 days, taken the Freeman's Oath, and completed the above-mentioned form.
- (e) To vote at municipal meetings, one must have resided in the municipality for 180 days, taken the Freeman's Oath, and completed the above-mentioned form.

These changes became effective July 1, 1971.

### **PROPERTY TAX and RENT REFUNDS**

**from Vermont Department of Taxes**

### **PAYABLE SOON to VERMONTERS OVER 65**

Do you meet these requirements?

- **Were you age 65 or older on December 31, 1971?**
- **Were you a legal resident of Vermont for the entire year 1971?**
- **Was your household income from all sources, both taxable and non-taxable, less than \$4,286?**

Then you are eligible for a cash refund on your rent or property taxes.

The deadline for filing is April 15, 1972. Get your one-page claim form from your town clerk, your local senior center, or by writing the Vermont Department of Taxes, Montpelier, 05690.

If you need assistance in filling out the form, write or call your local senior center or the Interdepartmental Council on Aging, 126 Main Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05602, 223-2311, ext. 271. If you have a low income, regardless of age, also ask about sales tax refunds and food stamps.

The Vermont State Tax Department may be holding money that belongs to you. File a claim now!

## **Town Meeting, March 1 and 2, 1971**

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield met at the Multipurpose Room in the Perkinsville Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 1971 at a legally warned and notified meeting which opened at 7:30 p.m.

Melvin R. Butterfield, moderator, congratulated Mr. Armstrong Hunter on printing a fine Town Report, believed to be the first one printed in Weathersfield. The audience applauded. Then he read the Town Meeting warning, followed by the Town School District warning. After which he introduced the candidates for office.

### **Weathersfield School District Meeting**

The legal voters of the Town School District met at the Multipurpose Room in the Perkinsville Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. at a legally warned and notified meeting and acted on the following articles:

Article 2. Voted to accept the report of the School Directors for the year ending December 31, 1070. Roald Cann moved we accept the report. It was seconded and so voted by voice vote.

Article 3. Voted to have the Town take advantage of Title 16, Section 381 V.S.A. amended and elect two additional School Board members to serve one-year terms. Motion made "We do". Seconded and so voted. Voice vote.

Article 4. Voted not to support Public Kindergarten in the Town of Weathersfield. Voice vote.

Article 5. Voted to pay Town School officers \$1.75 an hour for their services and 10¢ a mile for travel. Voice vote.

Article 6. Roger Eastman offered the following amendment: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize a sum of \$5,000 for adjusting some teaching area of the Ascutney School to relieve the overcrowding condition there, if necessary, next September." Voted to accept the amendment. Then voted to accept the article as amended. Voice vote.

Article 7. On a motion by Roald Cann it was voted "to pass over" the article "To see if the Town will vote to allow the Weathersfield School District to own and operate its own busses"

Article 8. Voted to amend the article to read: A sum of \$28,000 is recommended in lieu of the \$.80 on the tax rate which concerns the change of the School Fiscal Year, in the event that the State requirement is amended in the legislature this year from 1972 to 1977. Then adopted the article as amended. Voice vote.

Article 9. Voted \$289,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the Town School District for expenses, capital improvements, or other lawful purposes to the end of the school year next ensuing - all in lieu of a rate on a dollar of the Grand List. Motion moved, seconded and so voted by voice vote. (This included the polls.)

Article 10. Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes. Voice vote.

Article 11. The moderator, Melvin Butterfield, asked Mrs. Helen W. May, a former school director, and Roger Eastman, to come to the platform. Then, Mrs. May on behalf of the people of Weathersfield presented Eastman "A framed diploma" for faithful service as School Director 1961-64, and 1968-71.

Mrs. Hunter asked that someone from the Superintendent's Office come to town meeting who is familiar with the school board figures. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. for a ten minute break.

On March 2, 1971 the following article was voted on by ballot:

Article 1. To elect School District Officers by Australian Ballot.

For Moderator

Melvin R. Butterfield 413 votes

For School Director for 3 years - to 1974

Gary P. Richardson 374 votes - Elected

Eastman (write in) 1

Dottie Grover (write in) 1

Blanks 5

Attest Elizabeth G. Murray  
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Town Clerk

## Weathersfield Town Meeting, March 1, 1971

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield met at the Multipurpose Room in the Perkinsville Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on March 1, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. at a legally warned and notified meeting.

Melvin Butterfield, moderator, read the warning. Then at 9:50 p.m. following the Weathersfield School District meeting, the following business was conducted:

Raymond Denault, selectman, explained that the article concerning the showing of X and R and 'adult only' rated movies in open air theaters in Weathersfield, which was to be voted on by ballot on March 1st.....could be an expression of opinion from the voters showing how they felt about movies of this type being shown in Weathersfield. That by law, we couldn't close down the theater on those grounds.

Article 3. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1970. Voice vote.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes. Voice vote.

Article 5. Raymond Denault offered the following amendment: "To see what the town will vote to pay town officers other than selectmen, town clerk, police chief, treasurer, town manager, for their services and travel expenses". Voted to accept the amendment. Then voted "To pay town officers other than selectmen, town clerk, police chief, treasurer and town manager, \$1.75 an hour for their services and 10¢ a mile for travel expenses." So voted.

Article 6. Voted to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent tax payers and amounts due from each. Voice vote.

Article 7. Voted to authorize the Town Manager to perform the duties which the Tax Collector now performs by law. For collecting taxes, the Town Manager may charge and receive the same fees that the collector of taxes charges. The fees collected will be paid into the Town treasury. Those duties to be assumed after the March 1972 Town Meeting. Voice vote. "If anyone is concerned... does the tax collector object...he does not" said John L. Hurd, the incumbent. "It's getting to be a full time job."

Article 8. Voted that the Town of Weathersfield will accept the following bequest from Anna Billings Clark: "Third, I give and be-

queath to the Town of Weathersfield the sum of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), the same to be added to the funds invested by the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Weathersfield, and the income therefrom to be used for the care of the lots in the cemetery which is under the control of the Weathersfield Cemetery Commissioners, and which said cemetery is adjacent to the Plains Cemetery." Accepted by voice vote. Henry Hicks, chairman of selectmen, said "I have no objection to this particular one, but this is a very small amount, even \$100 isn't enough...wish the cemetery commissioners would put some recommendations in a future warning."

Article 9. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Joint Zoning Commission with the Incorporated Village of Perkinsville to prepare a preliminary zoning plan. Voice vote.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate \$150 to be used for the 1971 Memorial Day Parade by a committee appointed by the Selectmen. Voice vote.

Article 11. Voted to exempt the land and buildings of the Weathersfield Historical Society from all town taxes, both real estate and personal property, for a period of five years. Voice vote. Thomas Alexander, president of the Weathersfield Historical Society, explained that the Society has been exempt and this would be an extension of the exemption for what is a public Town Museum to which no admission is charged.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$600 for the Windsor County Mental Health Services, Inc. Voice vote.

Article 13. Voted to amend the article "to increase the proposed budget of the Selectmen to \$111,970.40 for the ensuing year." Voted to accept the amendment. Then voted to approve the budget as amended. Ray Denault, who made the motion, explained it was to provide a new truck for the Town to help take care of winter work more efficiently.

Article 14. Voted to amend the article to : "Have real estate and personal property taxes due August 1st and delinquent after November 1st." So voted by voice vote. Then voted to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:

- To pay taxes to the Town Treasurer.
- To have poll taxes due June 1st, and delinquent after July 1st.
- To have real estate and personal property taxes due August 1st and delinquent after November 1st.

- To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half of one per cent per month or fraction thereof. The article as amended was approved by voice vote.

Article 15. Percy I. Bliss, chairman of Civil Defense, spoke briefly on the Civil Defense Organization in Weathersfield and pointed out that on March 13 information concerning fall-out and shelters will be distributed to residents.

Richard Koenig presented the following article: "To see if the Town will vote to print in the Town Report, the names of the candidates for town offices." So voted.

Armstrong Hunter moved "That the Selectmen appoint a committee of three to study the possibilities of:

(1) a more unified telephone service for Weathersfield, and  
(2) a more unified postal service for Weathersfield, this committee to conduct inquiries of the private and public agencies involved and to report to a subsequent town meeting. So voted. Voice vote.

Henry N. Hicks asked for a vote of thanks for Karl Stevens who, he pointed out, carried the ball when he was a selectman, and now that he was Town Manager, had helped make possible an anticipated lower tax rate. Enthusiastic applause by voters.

Perley Hoyt wanted some appreciation given the auditors to whom a rising vote of thanks was also given.

Moved we adjourn....So voted and adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

## **Weathersfield Town Meeting, March 2, 1971**

On Tuesday, March 2, 1971, Melvin R. Butterfield, moderator, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and declared the ballot boxes open for the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot until 6:00 p.m. The boxes were declared closed at 6:00 p.m. There were 904 registered voters of whom 404 voted.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the showing of X and R and 'adult only' rated movies in open air theaters in the Town of Weathersfield. (By petition)

YES 311 votes                  NO 116 votes

Article 1. To elect Town Officers by Australian Ballot.  
Results of the balloting were:

Selectman for 3 years - to 1974

Henry N. Hicks	276 votes	- Elected
Howard Lear Johnson	149	
George Jarvis (write in)	1	

Selectman Unexpired 3 year term - to 1972

Raymond E. Denault	381 votes	- Elected
Harvey Dana (write in)	2	

Selectman for 1 year term - to 1972 (Two Selectmen  
elected to one year terms)

Neil H. Daniels	275 votes	- Elected
Clarence N. Grover Jr.	241	Elected
Donald G. Standen	137	

Town Clerk

Elizabeth G. Murray	217 votes
Lorraine P. Zigman	217
Ballots undecided on	3
Ballots blank	3

The ballots for town clerk were impounded while Henry N. Hicks, then chairman of selectmen, and Karl Stevens, Town Manager, sought legal counsel as to procedure. The incumbent town clerk was instructed by the selectmen to continue as town clerk while the matter was being resolved.

School District Officers:

Moderator

Melvin R. Butterfield	413 votes	- Elected
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School Director for 3 years

Gary P. Richardson	378 votes	- Elected
Dottie Grover (write in)	1	
Roger Eastman (write in)	1	

Lister for 3 years - to 1974

Walter O. Murray	366 votes	- Elected
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Lister for unexpired 3 year term - to 1972

Clifton R. Bradish	178 votes
Robert C. Follett	211 votes
Earle J. Saucier	43 votes

Town Treasurer

Irene P. Hoyt	422 votes	- Elected
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Tax Collector

John L. Hurd	398 votes	- Elected
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Auditor for 3 years  
Katherine M. Murray      395 votes - Elected

Auditor for unexpired 3 year term  
Nora Yessman (write in)      28 votes - Elected

First Constable  
Robert Z. Gale      420 votes - Elected

Second Constable  
Francis E. Burpee      122 votes  
Dennis G. Richardson Sr      284 votes - Elected

Trustee of Public Money for 3 years  
Andrew A. Titcomb      411 votes - Elected

Cemetery Commissioner for 5 years  
Grace Stevens      406 votes - Elected

Town Grand Juror  
Stover (write in)      1  
Bob Gale (write in)      1  
Harold Mead (write in)      35 votes - Elected  
Cleveland (write in)      2

Town Agent  
Andrew A. Titcomb      402 votes - Elected

Library Trustee for 5 years  
Eva G. Spaulding      379 votes - Elected

Moderator  
Melvin R. Butterfield      418 votes - Elected  
Armstrong Hunter (write in)      8

After the results of the balloting were announced...the Selectmen gathered for a meeting...and people drifted away... wondering how the Town Clerk's vote would be resolved.

Attest Elizabeth G. Murray  
Town Clerk

## **Special Town Meeting, May 3, 1971**

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and the Town School District met at the Town Hall in Weathersfield Center, Vermont on Monday, May 3, 1971 at a legally warned and notified meeting and took the following action: (The polls opened at 11:00 a.m. and closed at 7:30 p.m. and the voting was by ballot.)

Article 1. To elect a Town Clerk

Elizabeth G. Murray	329 votes - Elected
Lorraine P. Zigman	283

Article 2. To elect two School Directors to serve until the next annual Town Meeting

Roger W. Eastman	260 votes - Elected
Richard O. Hinkley	262 votes - Elected
Alice M. Jackson	205
William E. Kidder	146
Earle A. Rice	79
Gilbert F. Whittemore	246

Article 3. Raymond Denault, Chairman of Weathersfield Selectmen, requested expressions of opinion from those assembled concerning the Selectmen's insistence that the Midway Drive-In in Ascutney have a 10-foot fence constructed around the property by June 15th. Following considerable discussion, a show of hands indicated that those assembled favored the building of the 10-foot fence as specified by the Selectmen.

Melvin R. Butterfield, moderator, conducted the Public Hearing which had been called to see what policies were favored as guidelines for the transportation of school children.

The school bus situation was discussed for nearly two hours. A voice vote was taken on a motion made by Andrew A. Titcomb to the School Board "on one mile as basic policy". The vote was declared in the affirmative by the moderator.

Concerning the matter of providing high school transportation, Donald Standen moved to direct the School Directors to provide transportation to high schools. The motion was amended by Henry Hicks to direct the School Board to make available transportation to Springfield and Windsor High Schools at a fee to be paid by high school families. The amendment was accepted, then the amended motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attest Elizabeth G. Murray  
Town Clerk

## Auditors' Statement

In accordance with Section 3593 V.S.A. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances and inspected all securities and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on December 31, 1971.

We feel that having a Town Manager to supervise the town's affairs is a big help both to private citizens and the town officers.

We would like to suggest that at the time of auditing the town books and records that an experienced auditor or advisor be brought in to set up the proper way of auditing which we feel would save much time.

As suggested by the auditors of 1970 we feel that an additional adding machine which totals to ten digits is very necessary and should be added to the office equipment.

Josephine Brigham  
Honora Yessman

Delma Pike (substitute  
for Katherine Murray)  
Auditors

## Comparative Balance Sheet

<u>General &amp; Highway Funds</u>	12/31/70	12/31/71
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Treasurer's cash on hand		
checking account	\$ 7,645.18	\$ 1,358.24
Tax Collector	3,553.49	1,030.11
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	<u>25,323.52</u>	<u>23,887.94</u>
Total Current Assets	\$36,522.19	\$26,276.29
<u>School Fund</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Treasurer's checking account	\$56,245.88	\$23,843.78
Total Current Liabilities & Surplus	<u>\$56,245.88</u>	<u>\$23,843.78</u>

## **Statement of Taxes Raised - 1971**

Total Real Estate Value	\$6,420,323.00
Less exempt property	<u>40,415.00</u>
Total taxable Real Estate	\$6,379,908.00
Personal Property	<u>619,883.00</u>
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>\$6,999,791.00</b>
1019 Polls @ \$1.00	\$ 1,019.00
1% of Total Value	<u>69,997.91</u>
<b>GRAND LIST</b>	<b>\$ 71,016.91</b>

## **Taxes Assessed and Billed**

### Property and Polls:

School Department	\$71,016.91 x \$4.04	\$286,908.32
Sinking Fund	71,016.91 x \$.39	27,656.59
Highway Department	\$71,016.91 x \$.75	53,262.68
Equipment Fund	\$71,016.91 x \$.20	14,203.38
Selectmen's Fund	\$71,016.91 x \$.62	<u>44,030.49</u>
Total Property and Polls		\$ 426,101.46
<u>d Age Assistance</u>		
1019 x \$5.00		5,095.00
		<u>\$ 431,196.46</u>
<u>Less</u> rents paid on leased land deducted from		

## Reimbursement on Flood Dam Losses:

1971 Connecticut	\$ 6,941.07
1971 Massachusetts	8,676.34
1971 Vermont	<u>1,735.27</u>
Total Reimbursement	17,352.68
ALL TAXES BILLED	\$ 448,533.99

## Taxes Accounted For

### Real Estate and Personal Property:

Collected to December 1	\$389,716.89
Delinquent sent to Collector	<u>30,255.42</u>
Total	\$ 419,972.31

### Poll Taxes:

Collected to October 1	8,910.00
Delinquent Polls to Collector	<u>2,299.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,209.00

### TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE

\$ 431,181.31

### Reimbursement for Flood Dam Losses

1971 Connecticut	\$ 6,941.07
1971 Massachusetts	8,676.34
1971 Vermont	<u>1,735.27</u>
Total	\$ 17,352.68

### TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

\$ 448,533.99

## Schedule of Long-Term Indebtedness

School Bond Issue	1956-1974	\$ 70,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/71	\$61,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/71	<u>14,568.75</u>	
Total Payments to 12/31/71	75,568.75	
 School Bond Issue	1962-1982	\$ 41,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/71	19,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/71	<u>9,248.00</u>	
Total Payments to 12/31/71	28,248.00	
 School Bond Issue	1964-1982	\$140,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/71	70,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/71	<u>12,920.00</u>	
Total Payments to 12/31/71	82,920.00	
 School Bond Issue	1970-1982	\$191,000.00
Total Principal paid to 12/31/71	30,000.00	
Total Interest paid to 12/31/71	<u>22,020.00</u>	
Total Payments to 12/31/71	52,020.00	

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TOTAL OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS 1/1/72 \$262,000.00

1971 Principal payments	\$30,000.00
1971 Interest Payments	<u>14,284.25</u>
Total 1971 Payments	44,284.25

Equivalent to approximately \$.62 on \$71,016.91 Grand List.

# **Delinquent Tax Statement - January 1, 1972**

Delinquent Taxes, January 1, 1971	\$25,323.52
1971 Polls Delinquent	2,299.00
1971 R.E. & P.P. Delinquent	<u>30,255.42</u>
Total Delinquent	\$57,877.94
Delinquent Taxes Abated in 1971	- 225.84
Total	\$57,652.10
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 1971	<u>33,764.16</u>
Total Delinquent, January 1, 1972	\$23,887.94
 Cash on Hand, January 1, 1971	3,553.49
Principal of Taxes Collected, 1971	33,764.16
Interest on Taxes Collected, 1971	<u>848.25</u>
Total Receipts	\$38,165.90
Paid to Treasurer in 1971	<u>37,135.79</u>
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1972	\$ 1,030.11

## **SUMMARY**

<u>Years</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>P.P.</u>	<u>R.E.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1969	\$102.00	\$ - - -	\$ 99.60	\$ 201.60
1970	230.00	1,003.15	3,312.81	4,545.96
1971	<u>265.00</u>	<u>3,682.94</u>	<u>15,192.44</u>	<u>19,140.38</u>
	\$597.00	\$4,686.09	\$18,604.85	\$23,887.94

John L. Hurd  
Tax Collector

## **Delinquent Taxes as of February 1, 1972**

### **POLLS**

Barrows, Harold, Jr.	1971	\$11.00
Barrows, Kay M.	1971	11.00
Bassie, Lavis J.	1969	10.20
Bassie, Marie	1969	10.20
Berry, Arnold T.	1969	10.20
Berry, Lola B.	1969	10.20
Clark, Betty J.	1971	11.00
Colaccino, Gaetano	1970	11.50
Colaccino, Joan S.	1970	11.50
Curtis, Josiah P., Jr.	1969	10.20
Curtis, Douglas L.	1970	11.50
DeRusha, Kenneth E.	1970	11.50
DeRusha, Kenneth E.	1971	11.00
DeRusha, Barbara A.	1970	11.50
Farrar, Robert C., Jr.	1970	11.50
Farrar, Sandra J.	1970	11.50
Gilchrist, Francis P.	1971	11.00
Gilchrist, Shirley E.	1971	11.00
Hardy, Jan. H.	1969	10.20
Harrington, Leslie G.	1970	11.50
Hastings, Renate E.	1971	11.00
Hennessy, Eric D.	1970	11.50
Jordan, John L.	1970	11.50
Jordan, Mary P.	1970	11.50
Kennett, Terry D.	1971	11.00
Kennett, Dorothy M.	1971	1.00
LaCourse, Joseph V.	1971	11.00
LaCourse, Barbara E.	1971	11.00
Lashway, Barry C.	1970	11.50
Lashway, Ann M.	1970	11.50
Leneau, Robert A. Jr.	1971	11.00
Leneau, Geneva L.	1971	1.00
Moote, George W.	1969	10.20
Morgan, David B.	1970	11.50
McArthur, Doris E.	1969	10.20
McBride, Jessie J.	1971	11.00
Robbins, Karl S.	1971	11.00
Robbins, Mary C.	1971	11.00
Sargent Ernest G.	1971	11.00

Sargent, Helen G.	1971	11.00
Simonds, Richard E.	1970	11.50
Simonds, Richard E.	1971	11.00
Simonds, Barbara M.	1970	11.50
Simonds, Barbara M.	1971	11.00
Smith, Edward H.	1971	11.00
Smith, Carol S.	1971	11.00
Stoughton, David P.	1970	11.50
Stoughton, Phyllis	1970	11.50
Strong, Richard E.	1970	11.50
Therrien, Peter E.	1971	11.00
Therrien, Kay C.	1971	11.00
Tyrell, Kenneth C.	1970	11.50
Young, Robert D.	1969	10.20
Young, Barbara A.	1969	10.20

PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

	<u>P.P.</u>	<u>R.E.</u>
Alexander, Joseph N.	1971	145.80
Ascutney Real Estate Corp.	1971	492.00
Ascutney Woodworking & Supply	1970	116.03
Ascutney Woodworking & Supply	1971	107.10
Atkinson-Davis Corp.	1970	195.19
Atkinson-Davis Corp.	1971	277.50
Barrows, Harold Jr., Sr., & Kay	1970	50.00
Barrows, Harold Jr., Sr., & Kay	1971	180.00
Beebe, Robert & Elizabeth	1971	90.00
Barnes, George R.	1971	43.40*
Bergen, Loretta E.	1971	165.00
Boardman, Weston	1971	214.26
Cavallaro, Louis & Michael	1970	156.00
Cavallaro, Louis & Michael	1971	144.00
Cavallaro, Michael	1970	58.50
Cavallaro, Michael	1971	54.00
Claghorn, David & Constance	1970	431.41
Claghorn, David & Constance	1971	443.22
Connor, George P. & Virginia	1971	240.00
Condon, Thomas & Robert Herlihy	1971	585.00
Connor, Paul G. & Carol B.	1971	180.00
Corotneff, Irene	1971	420.00
Coutermarsh, Jon P. & Bette A.	1971	89.10
DeCelle, Laura E.	1971	187.78
Diamond, John J. & Irene R.	1971	96.00

Eastman, Roger & Pauline	1971	99.36
Emery, Max E., Sr.	1970	289.50
Farnsworth, Frederick & Laura	1970	390.00
Farnsworth, Frederick & Laura	1971	420.00
Flagg, Daniel A.	1971	74.96
Foley, Laurien A.	1971	195.90
Frazer, Maxwell	1971	19.08
Gosselin, Henry E., Jr.	1971	102.96
Gramling, Thomas J. & Lucille	1971	861.00
Hart, Gordie	1971	180.00
Herlihy, Robert	1971	540.00
Hill, Wilfred & Florence Bidgood	1971	210.00
Hudson, William N.	1971	2.09*
Jarvis, Donald V. & Gloria	1971	390.00
Jarvis, Robert P. & Montgomery	1971	660.00
Jensen, S. Fred & Ethel	1971	900.00
Kahn, Werner P.	1971	525.00
LaCourse, Joseph & Barbara	1970	333.08
LaCourse, Joseph & Barbara	1971	309.00
LaFountain, Carlon	1970	435.50
LaFountain, Carlon	1971	402.00
LeGace, Francis X. & Velma	1970	334.75
LeGace, Francis X. & Velma	1971	309.00
LeGace, Francis Jr. & Nancy	1971	79.32
Leneau, Robert L., Jr.	1970	144.50
Leneau, Robert L., Jr.	1971	116.64
Leneau, Geneva L.	1970	42.25
Leneau, Geneva L.	1971	39.00
Lesnick, John P.	1971	178.56
Martel, Paul W.	1971	360.00
Michelsen, Harry	1970	32.50
Michelsen, Harry	1971	30.00
Moore, Conrad C. & Leilani	1970	148.98
Moore, Conrad C. & Leilani	1971	145.86
Mosman, Roger & Daniel	1971	558.00
McAllister, Kenneth & Eda	1971	450.00
North Terminals, Inc.	1971	33.20*
Northern Oil Co.	1970	29.25
Pelletier, Louis & Augusta	1970	166.73
Pelletier, Louis & Augusta	1971	140.40
Pieczarka, Frank	1971	126.00
Polsak, Frederick	1970	104.00
Polsak, Frederick	1971	96.00

Proctor, Earl & Lona	1971	102.30
Quimby, Henry L.	1971	82.80
Robbins, Leland & Louise	1970	32.50
Robbins, Leland & Louise	1971	30.00
Saucier, Earl & Esther	1969	99.60
Saucier, Earl & Esther	1970	100.00
Saucier, Earl & Esther	1971	100.00
Simonds, Carol	1971	75.90
Simonds, Ivan F.	1971	153.90
Simonds, Robert A.	1971	157.92
Sisto, Gary J.	1971	45.00
Spaulding, Roger & Sylvia	1970	22.47
Tenney, Emerson	1971	198.00
Theetges, Marvin E.	1971	311.40
Tri-State Timberland	1971	15.00
Tyler, Erwin E.	1971	76.90
Whipple, Leonard & Sylvia	1971	486.00
White, Ira S. & Janice	1971	195.30
Williams, James & Patricia	1971	25.39
Yatsevich, Baron D.	1971	108.00
		129.00

\* Fees and Interest  
Not included in totals.

# Treasurer's Statement

January 1, 1971: Notes outstanding at First National Bank	\$30,000.00
January 1, 1972: Notes outstanding at First National Bank	50,000.00
January 1, 1971: Cash on hand and in bank	7,645.18

## Receipts

### TAXES:

Total current R.E. & P.P. taxes	\$389,716.89
Total flood loss reimbursement	17,352.68
Current Polls paid to Treasurer	8,910.00
Delinquent taxes from Collector	36,287.87
Interest on delinquent taxes	847.92
Taxes abated by Board of Abatement	<u>225.84</u>
	\$453,341.20

### SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT:

Bank loans - First National Bank	\$45,000.00
Licenses & fees received from Clerk	3,673.64
Martin Memorial Hall Rental	1,010.00
Trailer Park Licenses	160.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ins. (payroll)	242.70
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ins. (L. Covell)	65.40
Refunds:	
U.S.A. Storm Damage	\$37,098.99
Balance from Special Storm Damage a/c	1,052.18
Receipts from Police Department	3,218.20
Licenses & fees (Clubs & Theatre)	550.00
Overpayment & Duplicate payment of tax	363.01
Fire Refund from State	70.10
Miscellaneous	<u>160.74</u>
	92,664.96

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Vermont State Aid:	
Winter Maintenance	\$ 4,234.00
Surface Treatment	2,638.69
Dust Laying	204.50
Gravel Resurfacing	204.50
Town Highways	<u>15,743.25</u>
	23,024.94

Services & Supplies	1,064.77
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ins. (payroll)	242.70
R.E. & P.P. taxes due Department	52,498.43
Polls	764.25
Flood Loss Reimbursement	<u>2,169.08</u>
	\$ 79,764.17
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND:</b>	
Taxes Due Fund	14,781.81
Sale of Snow Plow	<u>100.00</u>
	14,881.81
	Total Receipts \$648,297.32

## Disbursements

### SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Total Taxes paid to School Department	\$298,592.46
Sinking Fund Taxes to School Department	28,824.52
Total Taxes due Highway Department	55,431.76
Total Taxes due Equipment Fund	14,781.81
Taxes abated by Board of Abatement	225.84
Loans repaid plus interest	26,617.26
Storm Damage note repaid	40,000.00
Interest on same	828.33
Other Disbursements as per Orders	75,207.51
Bank Charges and Check Books	<u>16.68</u>
	\$540,526.17

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Disbursements as per Orders	91,937.71
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ins. (payroll)	<u>242.70</u>
	92,180.41

### EQUIPMENT FUND

Road Rake	995.00
Tractor	801.50
Truck	9,571.50
Plow Wing & Sander	2,500.00
Truck Radio	250.00
Chain Saw	<u>214.50</u>
	14,232.50
Total Disbursements	\$646,939.08

January 1, 1972: Cash on Hand and in Bank

1,358.24

\$648,297.32

## Treasurer's Statement

The following items should be accounted for in 1971 receipts. Since they were not received before the Treasurer's books were closed, they will not appear in the above statement of receipts.

For Town Clerk's fees for 4th quarter	\$1,425.75
For Martin Memorial Hall Rental	<u>98.00</u>
Total	\$1,523.75

The above memo simply explains that this revenue should be credited to 1971 receipts for budget purposes but could not be included in Treasurer's Report because it was not received in time. Treasurer's Books are closed December 31.

The duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are prescribed in the Vermont Statutes 24 VSA-1573 and 16 VSA-3223, and do not include keeping books for other town officials such as Board of Selectmen, Highway Commissioner or Town Manager, on Treasurer's salary.

Besides our own work this past year, my assistant and I have kept the books for the aforementioned for eleven months or until the new office worker arrived. Also, we have prepared and mailed out the tax bills, which according to Title 32 VSA-4791, is also not the Treasurer's responsibility. At the beginning of the year I met with the Board of Selectmen offering to compute the tax bills but requesting compensation for a typist. After much discussion I was allowed \$40.00 extra! Too many years I have done all this extra work for free.

If I am again elected as your Treasurer, it will be my 25th year and, probably, my last one in office. For the sum of \$4,250.00, which includes the \$500.00 from the School Department, (this salary is for both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer), we shall have to work four days per week in the office as we have been doing and home work, when necessary, but we shall do only the work that the office demands by Statute.

This past fall, my husband and I completed a 15-week course in Municipal Accounting under the sponsorship of Champlain College in Burlington. We travelled to Westminster every week, a round trip of 52 miles and received, from the Town, our mileage of \$78.00 plus one textbook. If the Town votes to go on a Uniform System of Accounting next year, as it should, more auditors should become acquainted with this system in order to compile a more comprehensive and detailed Town Report.

At this time I would like to make an explanation. There appears to have been some question as to the meaning of a statement I made to a reporter for the Weathersfield Weekly some weeks ago. What I meant to convey to the readers concerned the regular year end School balance. I believe any balance in the regular School Account at the year's end should be allotted to the Sinking Fund for fiscal year changeover. This money is voted and supplied by the taxpayers for the ensuing year and should not be applied on a new year. Think it over!

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

Irene P. Hoyt

## Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen held 24 regular meetings this past year with nearly perfect attendance at each. This was the first year that we operated with five selectmen. This system has worked very well and I am sure will continue to work as we get new people and new ideas.

The Board of Selectmen have had quite a year in regard to the interim zoning hearings. This has placed quite a burden on the selectmen and has taken up a lot of our time. The biggest issue this year has been the Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Area.

Regarding the budget the selectmen have submitted for your consideration: we have tried to stabilize our cost and still meet the town's needs. The town's requests for services have been rising each year and require a larger expenditure of funds to meet the citizens' needs. Equipment repairs, police and wages have been the major area of increase. Roads in Weathersfield are in good condition. Winter plowing has been somewhat of a problem due to the ice instead of snow. This winter we have used all of the sand and salt that was stockpiled to improve the road conditions, but the type of winter we are having has caused hazardous conditions and the town highway department is doing the best they can.

Green-Up Day was a huge success again this year, but there

was a drop in participation. It seems that only the young and the old take part in Green-Up Day, and the middle age group between 20-40 do not seem to take an active part.

As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen I wish to thank the Weathersfield townspeople for supporting me and I regret that I cannot continue in this capacity. I know that my successor will be even better and continue the progress toward the town's goals.

#### SELECTMEN OF WEATHERSFIELD

Raymond E. Denault, Chairman

Henry N. Hicks

Neil Daniels

Robert Brogdale

Clarence Grover

### Town Manager's Report

We have now completed a year under the town manager system of government and with the increase in the Board of Selectmen to five members. This has been a year of trial and error, and I feel we have made steps forward and are working in the right direction.

We have gotten one of our great needs off the ground; namely, the creation of the Ascutney Fire District and the engineering study to establish a community water supply. We have benefited from Federally-funded programs both in the Police Department and in the town office, and are currently involved in a study to establish a rescue squad with a Federally-funded administrator/driver. Our Police Department has been reorganized, though it is still overworked.

Recent acts of the State Legislature, particularly in the environmental and health fields, have necessitated increased supervision of these acts at the local level. Since I was appointed town manager over a year ago to work a 30-hour week for the town, the following duties have been added to my responsibilities: I am now tax collector, zoning administrator, assistant Civil Defense officer, assistant Health Officer, and Town Service Officer. All of these require a greatly increased share of my time. While I feel that I should not "wear all of these hats", it is a necessity that one individual, who is available full time, have the information and services needed by town residents.

Our pressing needs have not really changed. We need permanent zoning; we need to continue work on the water problem in Ascutney; we need a better communication system within our town (both postal and telephone); we need to provide rescue and ambulance service for emergency use for our citizens; we need to establish a road improvement program. While the foregoing will not necessarily increase our town budget, one improvement we badly need that will require additional moneys is the new town barn so that machinery can be repaired indoors in a heated structure as well as provide much-needed space so that all town vehicles can be housed under cover. To diversify and broaden our tax base, we hope to attract suitable industry to Weathersfield.

One of the most important things I have learned this past year is the vital part volunteers play in the successful operation of a small, rural community like ours. These tireless workers rarely receive the thanks and recognition due them, but they contribute greatly to the success of our town government. These individuals, like your town officers, work endless hours serving town interests.

If activity at the town office is any indication, Weathersfield is continuing to grow and develop. Five days a week this is a very busy place, and for the most part, town business is being conducted in and from the town office. All of this helps to give Weathersfield identity. From all indications this growth pattern is here to stay, as well as the problems that come with it, and the direction we take must be positive and benefit the majority of our residents.

Karl Stevens  
Town Manager

## Selectmen's Budget - 1972

TOWN OFFICERS	1971 Budget	1971 Actual	1972 Proposed
Clerk's Salary	\$	\$5,029.50	\$5,200.00
Clerk's Expense		202.16	300.00
	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>5,231.66</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
Treasurer's Salary		1,601.37	3,550.00
Treasurer's Expense		595.06	700.00
Assistant Treasurer's Salary		1,449.57	
Assistant Treasurer's Expense		100.00	
	<u>4,250.00</u>	<u>3,746.00</u>	<u>4,250.00</u>
Town Manager		5,150.00	7,700.00
Town Manager's Expense		1,415.34	1,300.00
	<u>6,400.00</u>	<u>6,565.34</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>
Listers		5,466.00	5,000.00
Listers' Expenses		605.20	500.00
	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>6,071.20</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
Auditors		892.62	
Auditors' Expense		61.60	
Other Town Officers	750.00	202.16	
	<u>750.00</u>	<u>1,156.38</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Selectmen		1,500.00	
Selectmen's Expense		60.00	
	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,560.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN OFFICERS	\$22,900.00	\$24,330.58	\$26,750.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Salaries		9,468.51	19,000.00
Expenses		889.35	1,000.00
Telephone		846.02	1,000.00
Cruiser		2,125.82	2,110.00
Supplies		1,176.69	800.00
Equipment		746.05	500.00
Repairs		170.18	175.00
Miscellaneous		133.48	-----
	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>15,556.10</u>	<u>24,585.00</u>
TOWN OFFICE			
Janitor		287.83	300.00
Secretary		379.20	6,000.00
Telephone		392.37	400.00
Electricity		96.99	100.00

	<u>1971 Budget</u>	<u>1971 Actual</u>	<u>1972 Proposed</u>
Fuel		180.63	200.00
Supplies		1,978.06	1,200.00
Postage		599.25	600.00
Equipment		1,745.18	1,100.00
	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>5,659.51</u>	<u>9,900.00</u>
TOWN BUILDINGS			
Martin Memorial Hall		1,316.89	
Town Garage		10.00	
Proctor Library		1,259.96	
Other Town Buildings		83.96	
	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>2,670.81</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
INTEREST	2,500.00	2,445.59	2,500.00
TAXES & ASSESSMENTS			
Social Security		1,486.68	2,520.00
County Tax		995.10	1,300.00
Old Age		4,585.50	5,100.00
Agriculture Tax		546.56	585.00
	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,613.84</u>	<u>9,505.00</u>
APPROPRIATIONS			
Visiting Nurses		2,000.00	2,000.00
Ambulance Service		1,850.00	2,000.00
Memorial Day		150.00	150.00
Mental Health		600.00	600.00
	<u>4,600.00</u>	<u>4,600.00</u>	<u>4,750.00</u>
OTHER			
Town Dump	3,750.00	3,699.96	3,750.00
Civil Defense	100.00	1.00	500.00
Legal Fees	500.00	552.10	500.00
Officers' Bonds	150.00	155.00	160.00
Town Parks	150.00	65.00	100.00
Bridges	1,000.00	477.35	1,000.00
Public Health	250.00	228.41	250.00
Miscellaneous		249.92	500.00
Regional Planning		102.00	102.00
League of Cities & Towns		204.00	204.00
Town Meeting	1,500.00	1,241.72	1,500.00
Insurance	2,750.00	2,830.24	2,750.00
Cemeteries	300.00	305.54	300.00
Fire Protection	4,500.00	3,764.40	4,500.00
	<u>14,950.00</u>	<u>13,876.64</u>	<u>16,116.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$66,150.00	\$76,753.07	\$98,106.00

	<u>1971 Budget</u>	<u>1971 Actual</u>	<u>1972 Propose</u>
<b>RECEIPTS FOR 1971</b>			
Police Receipts	3,218.20	6,000.00	
Federally-funded Worker(s)	257.60	11,700.00	
Martin Memorial Hall	1,108.00	1,200.00	
Clerks Fees	3,509.24	4,000.00	
Flood Loss	4,540.61	4,500.00	
Tax Collector	-----	3,500.00	
Dog Licenses	1,170.00	1,170.00	
Trailer Parks	160.00	160.00	
Outdoor Theater	250.00	250.00	
Night Clubs	300.00	300.00	
Liquor Licenses	337.50	335.00	
Other Licenses	58.00	50.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$14,909.15</b>		<b>\$33,165.00</b>
Accounts Receivable			
Police Department	1,140.75		
Federally-funded Workers	671.30		
Total Accounts Receivable	\$1,812.05		

## **Highway Budget - 1972**

<b>WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>			
Labor	\$11,000.00	\$16,533.43	\$17,500.00
Equipment	500.00	613.00	500.00
Materials	8,000.00	4,656.43	5,000.00
Contract Work	500.00	613.06	500.00
Total Winter Highways	20,000.00	22,415.92	23,500.00
<b>SUMMER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>			
Labor	15,000.00	12,589.77	13,500.00
Culverts	1,000.00	2,687.65	1,000.00
Chloride	-----	3,631.45	3,000.00
Gravel	2,000.00	-----	-----
Hot Mix	-----	828.15	500.00
Contract Work	1,000.00	1,050.49	1,000.00
Total Summer Highways	19,000.00	20,787.51	19,000.00
<b>EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>			
Repairs - Winter	3,000.00	3,434.29	3,500.00
Repairs - Summer	3,000.00	4,557.50	5,000.00
Gas, Oil & Grease	5,500.00	6,269.25	6,000.00
Tires & Chains	2,500.00	1,234.54	1,500.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,313.00	1,300.00
Utilities	800.00	959.82	1,000.00
Total Equipment	16,300.00	17,768.40	17,800.00

	1971 Budget	1971 Actual	1972 Proposed
TAXES & ASSESSMENTS			
Social Security	2,000.00	1,965.06	2,500.00
Insurance	1,000.00	1,014.00	1,100.00
Licenses	50.00	50.00	60.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	73.10	340.00
Total Taxes & Assessments	3,550.00	3,102.16	4,000.00
TOTAL TOWN HIGHWAYS	\$58,850.00	\$64,073.99	\$64,300.00
STATE AID HIGHWAYS			
#1. Center Road			
Construction &	12,000.00	6,391.64	
Retreatment		1,455.89	
#2. Center Road & Mountain Road			
Resurfacing		4,149.14	
Total State Aid Highways	\$12,000.00	\$11,996.67	\$12,000.00
UNSELECTED ROADS AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS			
Cooks Pond Road	13,483.40	1,276.12	
Quarry Road Extension		2,515.99	
Bowen Hill Road		8,822.88	
Wellwood Orchard Road		1,751.78	
Girdlot Road		1,500.28	
Total Highway projects	\$13,483.40	\$15,867.05	\$15,750.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$84,333.40	\$91,937.71	\$92,050.00
HIGHWAY RECEIPTS	1971 Budget	Receipts	Anticipation
State Aid Construction	4,195.60	-----	4,812.60
Dust Laying	500.00	204.50	204.50
Winter Maintenance	1,234.00	1,234.00	1,234.00
Gravel Resurfacing	200.00	204.50	204.50
Unselected Road Projects	13,483.40	15,743.25	15,750.00
Culverts	-----	676.79	-----
District Gas (School)	-----	292.23	-----
Miscellaneous	-----	13.00	-----
Hot Mix	-----	82.75	-----
Plowing of Town Roads	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
State Aid Two for One			
Retreatment	4,000.00	2,638.69	4,000.00
Construction	4,000.00	-----	-----
TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS	\$30,613.00	\$24,089.71	\$29,205.60
Accounts Receivable			
State Aid Road Construction		4,812.60	
State Aid Retreatment		970.18	
		5,782.78	

<b>Equipment Fund</b>	<u>1971 Budget</u>	<u>1971 Actual</u>	<u>1972 Proposed</u>
Road Rake		\$ 995.00	
Second-hand Tractor		801.50	
Second-hand Plow & Sander		2,500.00	
1971 International Truck		9,681.00	
Radio for Truck		250.00	
Chain Saw		214.65	
	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,442.15</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

## **Summary of Budgets**

Selectmen's Fund	\$66,150.00	\$76,752.07	\$98,106.00
Highway Fund	84,333.40	91,937.71	92,050.00
Equipment Fund	14,000.00	14,442.15	15,000.00
	<u>164,483.40</u>	<u>183,131.93</u>	<u>205,156.00</u>

### Anticipated Receipts

Selectmen's Fund		\$33,165.00
Highway Fund		29,205.60
		<u>\$62,370.60</u>
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET		\$205,156.00
Less Anticipated Receipts		-62,370.60
ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES		\$142,785.40

## **July 29, 1969 Storm Damage Report**

Total Expenditures	\$94,706.00
Total Payments Received	<u>92,136.99</u>
Town Funds Spent	\$ 2,569.01

On July 7, 1971 Weathersfield received final payment in the amount of \$37,098.99 from Civil Defense. This sum, plus

\$55,038.00 we received in the fall of 1969, makes the total payment received \$92,136.99. The State audit reduced the anticipated funds by \$1,309.93. The reason for this was a few vital and necessary repairs were made by local crews before the State Highway Board inspection took place and these repairs were not considered eligible for financial reimbursement. The Federal audit further reduced payments another \$1,259.08. The reason for this was that certain necessary repairs, such as culverts, underestimate of gravel, were overlooked at the time of inspection by the Vermont State Highway Board.

Even though there was some cost to the town, Weathersfield is more than thankful for the \$92,000.00 received through the efforts of the Vermont Civil Defense Department.

Karl Stevens, Agent

## Report of Trustees of Public Funds

### Campbell Fund

#### Assets:

Burlington Savings Bank	\$1,000.00
First National Savings	1,212.10
227 shares Geo. Putnam	
270.236 shares M.I.T.	
Checking Account	9.10

#### Receipts:

Dividends	\$230.69
Capital Gains	290.85
Interest	86.01

Checking account balance 12/31/70	1,068.80	
Deposits	<u>150.00</u>	\$1,218.80
Disbursements		
Transferred to savings account	\$1,000.00	
Sicard Opticians	28.00	
Lawrence C. Moore (bus transportation)		
	181.70	1,209.70
Balance 12/31/71	\$	9.10

## **Connor Fund**

### Assets:

Burlington Savings	\$1,000.00
First National Bank	1,139.57
200 shares American Mutual	
Checking account	117.79

### Receipts:

Dividends	\$ 72.00
Capital Gains	42.00
Interest	85.57

Checking account balance 12/31/70	1,081.79	
Deposits	<u>60.00</u>	\$1,141.79
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Transferred to savings account		
Magnor Vatne, D.M.D.	24.00	1,024.00
Balance 12/31/71 \$		117.79

## **Hoisington Fund**

### Assets:

100 shares Inv. Co. of America	
First National Bank savings	\$1,707.84
Checking account	25.65

### Receipts:

Dividends	\$ 39.00
Capital Gains	26.00
Interest	65.17

Checking account balance 12/31/70	36.77	
Deposits	<u>28.00</u>	\$ 64.77
Disbursements		39.12
Balance 12/31/71 \$		25.65

## **Proctor Library Fund**

232 shares Geo. Putnam	
Income from above:	
Dividends	\$113.68
Capital Gains	<u>46.40</u>

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Value per share owned by Public Funds as of December 31, 1971:

American Mutual	\$ 9.26
Investment Co. of America	13.97
Geo. Putnam	15.18
Massachusetts Investors Trust	12.47
Wellington Fund	11.80

## Cemetery Funds

### Investments and Savings:

Burlington Savings Bank	\$7,840.50
Vermont National Bank	4,820.91
U.S. Treasury Bond at 3 1/4%	1,500.00
Certificate of Deposit (Burlington) 6%	2,500.00
518 shares Geo. Putnam	
206.788 shares M.I.T.	
677.643 shares Wellington (Hicks)	
Checking account	17.47

### Income from above:

Treasury Bond	\$ 48.76
Interest, Burlington Savings	382.09
Interest, Vermont National	207.04

### Individual cemetery income from shares:

#### Plain Cemetery

Geo. Putnam dividends	\$ 220.01
Geo. Putnam capital gain	89.80
Wellington Fund dividends	298.16

#### Ascutney Cemetery

M.I.T. dividends	\$ 71.52
M.I.T. capital gain	146.95 (this bought
	10.918 new shares 2/22/71)

#### Weathersfield Bow Cemetery

Geo. Putnam dividend	\$ 33.81
Certificate of deposit interest	134.20
Geo. Putnam capital gain	13.80

#### Grout Cemetery

M.I.T. dividend	\$ 19.89
M.I.T. capital gain	43.83

Checking account:

Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 12.74
Deposited 1971	<u>3,330.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>3,325.27</u>
Balance 12/31/71	\$ 17.47

Andrew A. Titcomb  
Percy I. Bliss  
Helen W. May  
Trustees of  
Public Funds

## Town Clerk Account - 1971

Recording Fees	\$3,244.24
Dog Licenses	1,170.00
Marriage Licenses	58.00
Food Stamps (from State)	118.00
Fish & Game Fees	147.00
Liquor Licenses	<u>337.50</u>
Paid to Treasurer	<u>5,099.39</u>
Overpaid to Treasurer (on Recording Fees)	\$ 24.65

## Dog Licenses Issued 1971

On Time

182 males	@ \$2.00	\$364.00
55 females	@ 6.00	330.00
111 spayed females	@ 2.00	222.00

Late

37 males	@ 3.00	111.00
10 females	@ 9.00	90.00
16 spayed females	@ 3.00	48.00

<u>Half-year</u>			
2 males	@ 1.00	2.00	
1 female	@ 3.00	3.00	
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414 dogs	To Town Treasurer -	\$1,170.00	

Licensing Dogs this year still requires:

1. The owner or keeper of the dog to appear and sign the license stating the vaccination certificate for rabies presented is the one for the dog being licensed.
2. Dogs vaccinated at 4 months of age and certificates for rabies vaccination issued within 30 months of licensing. The rabies certificate or copy to be filed with Town Clerk.

A spaying certificate is necessary to license a dog as a spayed female to qualify for the lower licensing rate. All dogs four months of age should be licensed. Licenses may be obtained during February and March. They are due April 1st. Those obtained after April 1st are subject to LATE licensing fees which are 50% more than regular fees.

The dog license books are at the Town Office in Perkinsville which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the exception of holidays. So, please plan to come in person to license your dog...because you have to sign the dog license.

If you check the date of the dog's rabies certificate to make sure it is still within the 30 months required, it could save you an extra trip.

Elizabeth G. Murray,  
Town Clerk

## **Weathersfield Police Department - 1971**

The Weathersfield Police Department has taken great strides during the year 1971 both in accomplishments and in progress at a minimum expense to the town. We have received thousands of dollars of assistance from the Governor's Commission on Crime Control and Prevention and have applied for and have already received verification of several thousand dollars of financial assistance for 1972.

The national average in expense for a police department is \$20.00 per person. In Weathersfield it is approximately \$5.00 per person to be able to pick up the phone at any time of the day or night and have a policeman at your service within a few minutes.

We are pleased to report that the equipment we have received along with the necessary schooling through the town has enabled us to apprehend and arrest over 100 individuals during 1971 and receive court convictions on all except a very small percentage.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Vermont State Police, the Springfield Police Department and especially the people of Weathersfield for their cooperation which is so essential in the development and effective operation of the Weathersfield Police Department.

Robert Z. Gale  
Chief of Police

## **Health Officer's Report**

This year has been a very active one for the Town Health Officer. A major campaign was started to clean up all our waterways and any open septic systems. I can safely say that we are well on the road to achieving a clean town.

However, there are still some isolated cases that I have not been able to investigate. I would like to make it perfectly clear that those people with pipes leading into any stream are violating not only a town ordinance but also State Act 252 and as of July 1, 1971 are subject to prosecution by the State if they are caught.

If you believe in ecology, practice it by starting at home!

The cooperation of the citizens of Weathersfield with the Health Officer has been exceptional. It has made my job easier.

Each fall cases of head lice are reported, and outbreaks usually recur periodically during the school year. This is something that is not necessary and causes inconvenience which should not have even occurred.

As the Health Officer I would like to thank you for your cooperation in helping me to meet town and State regulations. I am sorry that I have to leave this position and I know that my successor will be as active, and will continue to work to protect the health and welfare of Weathersfield residents.

Raymond E. Denault  
Health Officer

## **Fire Warden's Report**

Your fire warden wishes to express to the people of Weathersfield sincere appreciation for the cooperation shown in keeping our fire losses practically in the zero column in 1971. Your fire warden recently received a citation for directing work in the suppression of forest fires and also another letter from Dispatcher Darchy stating Weathersfield was one of the towns in the state with no losses of record for 1971. Gratifying indeed it is, that Weathersfield can be so classified.

Comes a time when changes must be made, whether we like it or not. After serving you for over 30 years, 1972 is to have a new fire warden.

No definite plan at present time, but we can assure you that the new warden will give you very good service.

It is also indeed gratifying that Weathersfield has not one, but two, volunteer fire departments with up-to-date equipment. We dreamed of this many years ago, and now we have it.

Again we say Thank You - and remember, be sure to obtain your fire permit.

Percy I. Bliss

## **Ascutney Volunteer Fire Association**

1971 was a good year for your Fire Department. We had a lot of fun and good fellowship along with providing a service to the Community. We continue to receive good support, both financially and otherwise from our neighbors. Our ladies are the greatest - they raised over \$1,000.00 to help with our expenses by putting on suppers for various organizations.

We meet the first Monday of each month, at the fire house, at 7:00 p.m. We welcome your help and support. Come over any Monday and get acquainted.

Our big project this year was to install a Plectron system in the fire house. This means when you phone the emergency number (674-2185) the person on duty (24 hours a day) has only to push a button to set off the alarm at the fire house. Then, by radio, two of your officers, who have plectron receivers in their homes, get the location of the fire while the alarm is still ringing. As soon as someone arrives and takes off with the trucks, they too get the location of the fire by radio. This new system saves time, where minutes count.

We have 25 active firemen as of January 1972. We had 27 meetings and drills which included a fire school in Springfield and Green-Up Day in Ascutney. We were called out 12 times for fires or other emergencies.

We have tried our best to save money this year because we desperately need a new, small, 4-wheel drive truck for car and brush fires. Our big tanker-pumper is slow (1,000 gallons of water) and our 1949 converted International pick-up is completely shot and is dangerous to drive. We request that the town vote us \$3,000.00 this year instead of \$2,000.00 to help us obtain a safe vehicle. We know the tax load is heavy, but even \$3,000.00 is real inexpensive fire protection for a town of our size.

Officers for 1972 are:

Henry Cobb, Chief

Clarence Stillson, 1st Assistant Chief

Brian Jones, 2nd Assistant Chief

Rodney Spaulding, Captain

## **Financial Statement - Ascutney Volunteer Fire Association**

### **RECEIPTS:**

Balance on Hand 1/1/71	\$ 776.78
Raffles	644.00
Suppers	1,096.52
Donations	165.00
Fires	35.00
Town of Weathersfield	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Receipts 1971	\$4,717.30

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Heat, Lights, Insurance	\$1,062.88
Truck Maintenance	210.20
Supper and Raffle Expense	621.48
Equipment and Supplies	1,486.63
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>24.81</u>
Total Disbursements 1971	\$3,406.00

Total Receipts	\$4,717.30
Total Disbursements	<u>\$3,406.00</u>
Balance on Hand 1/1/72	\$1,311.30

## **West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.**

This year after a long look for land, the Department was given a deed to land at Downers Corners. More fill is needed and then a new Fire House can go up and we hope to do that this coming year.

This Department responded to all calls again this year, held meetings, drills and work nights.

This year we set up a new Plectron System in our Department to call the men out faster and to let them know what is going on. At this time we have four Plectrons and hope to add to this so each man can have one in his home. This Plectron can be set up at the Police Office in Ascutney.

We, as your Fire Department, want to thank you for your help and good support.

Thank you,

Clarence N. Grover, Jr.  
Chief, WWVFD

### WEST WEATHERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Chief	Clarence Grover, Jr.
Deputy Chief	Dennis Richardson
Assistant Chief	Kerry Stapleton
Captain	David Undeen
Lieutenant	Robert Howe
Secretary-Treasurer	Kenneth Murray
Trustees:	Warren Child, Jr. Russell Aldridge Allen Hazeltine Ronald Lockwood Leslie Spencer

**Treasurer's Statement -  
West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.**

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 1/1/71	\$ 601.56
Donations	1,017.28
Sales and Shows	699.45
Appropriation	1,000.00
Clubs & Raffles	<u>574.50</u>
Total Receipts 1971	\$3,892.79

DISBURSEMENTS:

Gas, Oil and Maintenance	\$ 75.90
Telephone	311.51
Insurance	354.00
Balance paid off on Truck Loan	517.50
Advertising, Tickets and Change	282.94
Miscellaneous Items	109.87
Rifle, Extinguishers, sales and raffle	650.00
Equipment and Repairs	340.05
Dues - Fire Fighters Association	45.00
Snow Plowing	<u>91.00</u>

Total Disbursements 1971 \$2,777.77

Total Receipts	\$3,892.79
Total Disbursements	<u>2,777.77</u>
Balance on Hand 1/1/72	\$1,115.02

**Golden Cross Ambulance Service Report**

This is to report that during the year of 1971, our service covered 53 calls for the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont.

Lawrence H. Stickney

## Cemetery Commissioners' Report

The Ascutneyville, Bow, Grout and Plain cemeteries all have some endowed funds for perpetual care, mowing and general upkeep, and these were readied for Memorial Day and maintained with this source of income.

The 9 outlying and unendowed cemeteries, which also have great historic interest to the town, were mowed during the summer with the expenses coming from the Town General Fund.

It is with deep sadness that we have to report the passing on December 10, 1971 of Mrs. Louise Covell, who for the last 24 years has been the most active and faithful of cemetery commissioners. She combined a vast knowledge and dedication, along with a keen historical sense, of all of the 13 burying grounds, that record in stone the history of our town. She devoted countless hours of her active life to this end, and she will indeed be sorely missed by the Town and by us all.

Herman Young  
Andrew Titcomb  
Celia Martin  
Grace Stevens

### Weathersfield Bow Cemetery

On hand Jan. 1, 1971	\$109.56
Received from funds	100.00
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	\$209.56
Mowing	\$160.00
Lawn mower repairs, trimming, gas and oil	
	35.00
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On Hand , December 31	\$195.00
	\$ 14.56

Many headstones were repaired by Austin of Springfield this fall - due to vandalism.

Additional work done at Bow Cemetery by the Association and by descendants of the Hunt family include repairs to the Jarvis fence, painting of gates and fertilizing of trees.

Grace Stevens

## Proctor Library Report

### Treasurer's Statement

Balance in Bank 12/31/70	\$ 174.31
Receipts:	
Interest on Chapman Fund	\$ 40.13
Appropriations	1,200.00
Interest on investments	160.08
Reimbursement on Oil Bill	<u>8.96</u>
	1,409.17
Total	\$1,583.48
Expenditures:	
Salaries	\$ 520.69
Electricity	57.57
Fuel	166.41
Insurance	58.50
Books	30.36
Supplies	9.00
Miscellaneous	8.00
Rent (Perkinsville Library)	<u>90.00</u>
Total	<u>940.53</u>
Balance in Bank 12/31/71	\$ 642.95

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### Report of Trustees

Circulation	Ascutney	4500
	Perkinsville	165

Books given in 1971 by:

Richard Koenig	Mrs. Edgar Griggs
Mrs. Guy Raymond	Mrs. Marilyn Houghton
Miriam Koenig	Thomas Scribner
Mrs. Rodney Spaulding	Mrs. Robert White
Mrs. Chester Stone	Mrs. A. T. Magowan
Mrs. Bernard Carpenter	Mrs. Muriel Follett
Mrs. Edmond Dennett	Mrs. Mary Wellington
Dr. and Mrs. William B. Duesselman	

Ernest Green of New York gave a book of poems he wrote and had published.

Magazines given by:  
Mrs. Guy Raymond  
Mrs. Muriel Follett  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson

Because the last half of the town appropriation was not received until into November, also because of illness among the trustees, there were no books bought for either library. We expect to have them in February.

### **Perkinsville Branch Library**

In August because of Mrs. Covell's illnees, the books were stored by Mrs. J. Connor and Mrs. V. Murray in their respective houses.

Mrs. Covell had collected \$10.39 from overdue books and old books sold. She loaned about 165 books.

Mrs. Covell bought an Eisenhower book from her money and it will be put in the Library in honor of Mrs. Covell.

Rent (Mrs. Covell)	\$90.00
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Grace Stillson
Vera Murray
Muriel Raymond
Eliza Connor
Eva Spaulding

## **Visiting Nurses**

During the year 1971, from January 1 through December 31, the Springfield Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. has given the following direct services to 28 residents of the Town of Weathersfield.

205 Skilled nursing visits at a cost of \$2,373.90
108 Visits by the Home Health Aides at a cost of \$1,329.48
5 Treatments by the Physical Therapist at a cost of \$97.00
37 Health Supervision visits at a cost of \$428.46
Total home visits     355
Total cost         \$4,228.84

Approximately 50% of the calls made were to Medicare patients or those over 65.

Costs for direct service care are determined by considering salaries and all overhead expenses incurred to provide home care to individuals.

This year over 121 residents took advantage of the 25 free clinics which were held in Weathersfield and/or Springfield for its citizens.

We are pleased that we were able to re-establish Well Child Conferences at the Springfield Hospital this year, thus providing health supervision including immunizations and health tests for pre-school children in the area. We have continued to work in cooperation with the State Public Health nurses in planning and conducting health programs from the Vermont Department of Health.

The personnel cost factor for the 25 clinics encompassing eight aspects of preventative care and education was \$212.17.

The town received, therefore, \$4,441.01 worth of service. The difference between the cost of the service and the amount paid by the town was made up by contributions, membership dues, reimbursements from insurances, patient fees and State funds.

The Springfield Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. continues to be concerned with assuring the availability of its services - improving the quality of care - and containing its program costs within reasonable limits. We feel these objectives must remain in high priority at this time when so many changes are appearing within the health care system.

Marie Schoff, R.N., B.S.E.  
Director

# Vermont State Department of Health

This is a report to the residents of your town describing the health services which have been rendered during the state fiscal year July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1971. These services are carefully planned so that maximum benefit may be gained from each tax dollar. For instance, one clinic may serve many towns if the number of patients is small. On the other hand, when a service is needed in a town or city, we make every effort to provide it.

I invite you to discuss this report with your friends and health officer and I would welcome any impressions which you care to forward to me.

The following is a list of some of the health services to the residents of Weathersfield:

Number of Well-Child and School Medical Conferences, and Immunization Clinics held in this town	3
Attendance of town residents at above conference/clinics in this or nearby towns	99
Number of children aided under Child Health Programs (Child Development Clinic, Handicapped Children's Clinics, Pediatric Consultation and Diagnosis)	16
Attendance at dental health and brushing classes, and dental inspections	316
People X-rayed for tuberculosis detection	23
People X-rayed for occupational diseases	4
People served at tumor clinics or by tumor diagnostic screening services	2
Attendance at diabetes clinics or physician office screen- ing for diabetes	4
Attendance at glaucoma screening clinics	2
Attendance at amblyopia screening clinics (3-5 year olds)	6
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping cough immunizations	17
Polio Immunizations	38
Smallpox Immunizations	6
Red Measles (rubeola) Immunizations	8
Rubella (German measles) Immunizations	25
Number of water samples (private & public supplies)	47
Blood specimens tested (pre-marital, pre-natal & other)	46
Other laboratory specimens	10
Nutrition and dietary consultations, demonstrations, services	2

Inspections and consultations to hospitals, nursing homes and homes for the aged	
Sanitary inspections & consultations to licensed food and lodging establishments and to other public and private facilities	42
Public Health Nurse visits to individuals	160
Number served by above visits	99
Other consultations, programs, and group service ac- tivities of Public Health Nurses to residents of this town, or held in this town for area residents	38

The Home Health Services program, in addition to providing for the survey of home health agencies as required by Medicare, works cooperatively with the Division of Public Health Nursing, works closely with the Vermont Assembly of Home Health Agencies and the Agency of Human Services in seeking the provision of certified home health care available to all the people of the state.

R. E. Aiken, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner of Health

## **Windsor County Mental Health Services, Inc.**

The Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, appropriated six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to Windsor County Mental Health Services, Inc., at its 1971 Town Meeting. Payment of this amount was received on September 29, 1971.

This money was used to partially defray the cost of services that had already been delivered to residents of Weathersfield as well as for the development of new services. The specifics relating to the growth and service expansion of Windsor County Mental Health Services, Inc., were included in the presentation made to the Board of Selectmen on 12/13/71 requesting an increase at the 1972 Town Meeting.

Victor B. Harrison, Jr. ACSW  
Executive Director

## **Memorial Day Parade Report**

December 31, 1970	balance (Town appropriation)	\$ 19.71
May 1, 1971	(Town appropriation)	150.00
August 13, 1971	(Town appropriation)	20.00
		<u>\$189.71</u>

### Expenses:

Reading Band	\$25.00
Chester High School Band	75.00
John T. Thurber	10.00
Telephone calls, batteries, decorations	12.65
Saymore Trophy Co., Inc.	
(Plaque for James M. Burt)	20.01
William Blake	20.00
Sons of Veterans Reserve	<u>20.00</u>
	Total \$182.66

Balance December 31, 1971 \$ 7.05

Beverly B. Howe  
Secretary-Treasurer 1971

## **Ordinances Adopted**

### **ORDINANCE REGARDING PARKING ON TOWN HIGHWAYS**

Pursuant to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 24, Sections 1971, 1972 and 1974 the Selectmen of the Town of Weathersfield hereby adopt the following ordinance, to wit:

No motor vehicle shall be parked on town highways within the limits of the Town of Weathersfield between midnight and 6:00 A.M. of the following morning, between December 1st and the following April 1st of each year.

If said ordinance is violated, the said violator shall be fined \$5.00 and said motor vehicle shall be towed away from said street or highway, said fine and towing charge to be paid by said Violator thereof.

The violation of said ordinance shall be deemed a misdeameanor.

This ordinance shall become effective sixty days from the date of said adoption.

Dated at Weathersfield, Vermont this 13th day of December, A.D. 1971.

Raymond Denault, Chairman  
Henry Hicks  
Robert Brogdale  
Clarence Grover, Jr.  
Neil Daniels

### **ORDINANCE TO CONTROL CONSTRUCTION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD**

Because of the length of this ordinance, it is not reproduced here. Copies may be obtained in the Town Office.

This ordinance took effect February 25, 1972.





# Weathersfield School Report

# Treasurer's Statement - School Account - 1971

Balance January 1, 1971	\$56,245.88
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## RECEIPTS

Bank Loans	\$207,000.00
Real Estate, P. P. & Poll Taxes	298.592.46
State Aid to Education	153,599.00
State of Vermont (20% on Indebtedness)	3,792.00
State of Vermont (School Building Award)	1,234.50
State of Vermont (Title III N.D.E.A.)	62.57
State of Vermont (Department of Health)	125.00
Bus Fares	622.50
Perkinsville P.T.G.	125.00
Sinking Fund	28,824.52
Water Rent	<u>12.00</u>
	693,989.55
Total Receipts	\$750,235.43

Disbursements as per School Board Orders	726,391.65
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Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 23,843.78
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## School Sinking Fund

for School Fiscal Year Changeover

1970 Amount invested in 2-year Certificate of Deposit held in First National Bank of Springfield, Vermont with interest at 5 3/4% - Probable Gain	\$54,244.98 <u>6,238.16</u> <u>\$60,483.14</u>
1971 Amount invested in 2-year Certificate of Deposit held in same bank at same rate of interest/Gain	\$28,824.52 <u>3,314.82</u> <u>\$32,139.34</u>
Total amount for investment with interest	\$92,622.48

## School Budget

	Estimate 1971 Jan 1 - Dec 31	Actual 1971 Jan 1 - Dec 31	Estimate 1972 Jan 1 - Dec 31
RECEIPTS			
Balance	\$ 56,245.88	\$ 56,245.88	\$ 23,843.78
State Aid	154,000.00	153,599.00	130,733.00
Taxes - Real Estate	289,000.00	282,791.56	351,369.22
Taxes - Poll		4,116.76	
Flood Damage - State	10,000.00	11,684.14	10,000.00
Bus Refunds	500.00	622.50	
Refunds & Miscellaneous	500.00	12.00	
Bonded Indebtedness	9,050.00	3,792.00	
Building Aid - State	1,468.12	1,234.50	
Title III - NDEA		62.55	
BUDGET TOTAL	<u><u>\$520,764.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$514,160.89</u></u>	<u><u>\$529,867.00</u></u>
CLEARING ACCOUNTS			
Sinking Fund		28,824.52	
Bank Loans		207,000.00	250.00
Dental Care			
GRAND TOTAL		<u><u>\$750,235.41</u></u>	

## School Budget

### Expenditures

	Budget 1971 Jan 1 - Dec 31	Actual 1971 Jan 1 - Dec 31	Budget 1972 Jan 1 - Dec 31
ADMINISTRATION			
Superintendent's Office Salaries	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 8,929.80
Weathersfield's share (18%) of pro-rated salaries paid the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools and their secretarial staff.			
School Board Expenses	2,200.00	2,851.18	2,850.00
Expenses paid to school board members at \$150.00 each. Also included are legal fees, printing, postage, and membership in the Vermont State School Directors Association, and part of Town Treasurer's salary.			
Other Expenses	3,026.00	3,026.00	3,103.20
Weathersfield's pro-rated share of expenses connected with the Superintendent's office, i.e., supplies, equipment, insurance, rent, telephone, postage, etc.			
SUB TOTAL	<u>\$ 14,076.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,727.18</u>	<u>\$ 14,883.00</u>

## INSTRUCTION

<u>Instructional Salaries</u>	\$168,080.00	\$158,972.26	\$172,736.00
Salaries paid to a supervising principal, nineteen teachers in 1971-72 and twenty teachers in 1972-73. Also included are funds for substitute teachers, and courses.			
<u>Clerical Salaries</u>	10,161.00	9,063.15	10,917.00
Salaries for two secretaries and two library aides.			
<u>Textbooks</u>	4,262.00	3,553.05	3,448.00
The replacement of worn, outdated and lost textbooks and the addition of new and/or supplemental materials.			
<u>Library Books &amp; Audio-Visual Material</u>	4,745.00	3,830.73	5,921.00
The implementation of the state's minimum standards for library books and audio-visual material such as films, filmstrips, tapes, maps, charts, globes, and other materials.			

	Budget 1971 Jan 1 - Dec 31	Actual 1971 Jan 1 - Dec 31	Budget 1972 Jan 1 - Dec 31
<u>Teaching Supplies</u> The replenishment of paper, pencils, crayons, art supplies, testing materials, workbooks and consumables for all subject areas.	9,461.25	7,391.90	9,980.00
<u>Other Expenses</u> Office supplies, travel, petty cash, postage expenses. Also support for in-service training.	1,882.00	1,260.25	3,470.00
<u>Student Activity Account</u> Support for intramural and interscholastic sports at all levels, and field trips.	400.00	400.00	700.00
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u><u>\$198,991.25</u></u>	<u><u>\$184,471.34</u></u>	<u><u>\$207,172.00</u></u>
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u> School psychologist, school nurse, contract with the Spring-field Visiting Nurse Association, medical expenses and supplies	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 2,357.80	\$ 2,575.00
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u><u>\$ 1,850.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,357.80</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,575.00</u></u>

TRANSPORTATION	\$ 25,838.00	\$ 24,423.71	\$ 25,518.00
Annual contract for leasing two buses, two school district drivers, and expenses connected with maintaining school district buses.			
SUB TOTAL	<u>\$ 25,838.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,423.71</u>	<u>\$ 25,518.00</u>
OPERATION OF PLANT			
Custodial Salaries & Contract	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,794.07	\$ 9,100.00
Daily custodial services at the two schools, and rubbish removal.			
Heat	4,400.00	3,905.66	4,200.00
Heating oil.			
Utilities	9,000.00	9,787.00	9,550.00
Water, electricity, gas and telephone.			
Supplies	1,694.40	1,620.50	1,700.00
Custodial materials, mops, brooms, wax, cleaners, paper products, etc.			
SUB TOTAL	<u>\$ 23,394.40</u>	<u>\$ 24,107.23</u>	<u>\$ 24,550.00</u>

	<u>Budget 1971</u> Jan 1 - Dec 31	<u>Actual 1971</u> Jan 1 - Dec 31	<u>Budget 1972</u> Jan 1 - Dec 31
<u>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>			
<u>Repairs and Replacements</u>	\$ 4,585.90	\$ 6,765.64	\$ 5,241.00
Snow removal, upkeep of grounds, painting, repairing buildings and equipment, replacement of in- structional and non-instructional equipment.			
<u>Equipment and Capital Outlay</u>	10,169.20	4,712.46	4,980.00
Equipment for administration, instruction, operation of plant, and building additions.			
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u><u>\$ 14,755.10</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,478.10</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,221.00</u></u>
<u>FIXED CHARGES</u>			
<u>FICA</u>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,240.53	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Social Security</u>			
<u>Insurance</u>	6,075.00	6,512.60	7,275.00
Property and liability insurance, hospitalization plan, workman's compensation and bond premiums.			
<u>Interest</u>	5,000.00	4,634.51	5,000.00
On current loans in anticipation of taxes.			
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u><u>\$ 21,075.64</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,387.64</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,275.00</u></u>

**DEBT SERVICE**

<u>Principal</u>	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>14,284.25</u>	<u>14,284.25</u>
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 44,284.25</u>	<u>\$ 44,284.25</u>
 <b>TUITION</b>		
For students who attend high school in a surrounding town, a private school, and special school for the handicapped.		
 <u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u>\$176,500.00</u>	<u>\$176,500.00</u>
 <u>BUDGET TOTAL</u>	<u>\$520,764.00</u>	<u>\$489,360.65</u>
 <b>CLEARING ACCOUNT</b>		
Check processed late	956.46	
Dental Care Fund	250.00	
Short-Term Loans	207,000.00	
Sinking Fund	28,824.52	
 <u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$726,391.63</u>	<u>\$529,867.00</u>

## School Directors' Report

This current school year has seen a significant change in the organization of the Perkinsville and Ascutney Schools. Late last summer the Superintendent of Schools presented a reorganizational plan to the school directors in which he outlined the educational, organizational, and financial benefits of such a move. Briefly, the plan called for educating all primary level children at the Perkinsville School and the fourth through eighth grades at the Ascutney School. Even though it was only a short time before school was to open, the board felt that reorganizing at this particular time far outweighed any serious disadvantages. Transportation appeared to be the largest obstacle to the reorganization. After long hours, some setbacks, and a couple of attempts, a workable transportation system became a reality. Your board has evaluated all phases of the reorganization and feels that the expected outcomes were realized. The board sincerely appreciated the understanding and cooperation the teachers have shown and the patience of the parents.

The staff remained very stable this school year, only four vacancies needed to be filled: Donna MacGregor became a 2nd grade teacher, Gary Cross a 7th grade teacher, Ellen Jones an 8th grade teacher, and Robert Wardell assumed the duties of physical education-music teacher.

One of the most persistent problems at the schools has been maintenance. The leaching fields at the Perkinsville School were repaired last summer, both schools have been re-keyed, new toilets have been installed in the old section of the Perkinsville School, a former teacher's room in Ascutney was enlarged and made into a small reading room, and extensive work has been done on the heating systems. These are just a few examples of the work that has been accomplished, but much more is needed.

The board has worked diligently in the area of financing, the budget presented here is not much more than what was presented last year. There does not appear to be an area of the budget that has gone up sharply, most of the increases are modest ones. The problem arises when one looks at the amount to be raised by local taxes. This figure has gone up by more than twenty percent, even with a \$23,000.00 balance being projected. One of the reasons for this drastic increase is the expected loss in state aid which is, in part, due to the Department of Taxes

fair market value figure for the Town of Weathersfield. This fair market figure went up over six million dollars in one year, an increase of just under forty-five percent.

The budget as presented is realistic and it is the board's hope that the taxpayers of Weathersfield will support the 1972 budget. Your attention is directed to an article in the warning that deals with planning for expansion. The schools are in need of more space and the community must, along with the board, deal with how best to resolve this problem. We ask your support of this article so that we can effectively plan for the future.

Peter M. Daniels, Chairman

Agnes S. Torp, Clerk

Gary P. Richardson

Roger W. Eastman

Richard Hinkley

School Directors

James E. Tierney

Superintendent of Schools

Harold M. Grigg, Jr.

Assistant Superintendent

## **Principal's Report**

As of December 31, 1971, a total of 387 children had enrolled in the schools. This constituted an increase of 25 over 1970 and 50 over 1969. Because of the increase, it was necessary to continue the use of the partitioned end of the cafeteria at the Ascutney School. The remaining classes were able to absorb their increase.

Reorganization of the schools occurred with the opening of school in the Fall. All Weathersfield children in grades 1 - 3 are now attending the Perkinsville School and all Weathersfield children in grades 4 - 8 are now attending the Ascutney School.

During the summer both school libraries were kept open on a limited once-a-week basis. This was the first year for the Perkinsville School library and the second for the Ascutney School library. Any Weathersfield school student was allowed to borrow books from either library. Both libraries were again staffed by several teachers, school secretary, and librarians who volunteered their time.

Our first Readiness class was begun for some of the youngsters entering their first year of school. The purpose of the class is to allow these children to become ready for formalized school work. It was created under the philosophy that all children of the same chronological age are not necessarily of the same developmental age. Just as all children do not walk or talk at the same age, all children are not ready to learn at the same time.

The services of the Springfield Regional Visiting Nurses were obtained. A nurse is working in the schools ten hours per week.

Adhering to the philosophy that curriculum development is an on-going project, September saw the introduction of reading programs in grades 1 - 3 developed for individual or group learning. Up-dating of materials was also done in some levels of Social Studies and some Reading materials in grades 5-8.

For the 1971-1972 school year curriculum studies are being done in the following areas: Language Arts, Spelling/penmanship (separate study from remainder of Language Arts), Science, and Learning Disabilities. The basic curriculum and materials are being studied.

Several Weathersfield teachers continued their professional growth by participating in courses offered by Moorehead State College (Minn.), Keene State College, Trinity College (Burlington), Castleton State College, University of Vermont, and the University of New Hampshire.

We continued to make use of Federal and State funds made available to us. Our reading coordinator, a remedial reading teacher in Ascutney, and some audio-visual materials are still being provided by these funds. In addition, the services of a speech therapist have been obtained. With matching funds from the P.T.G., an incremental dental program will be used with some first graders.

Weathersfield students participated in the following: (1) Windsor Area Chamber of Commerce Emblem Contest, (2) Vermont Forestry Essay Contest; and (3) Vermont Art Contest.

In conclusion, we extend our appreciation to all who have volunteered their time to school activities and projects.

R. Donald LaPointe  
Principal

## STAFF

Mr. R. Donald LaPointe	Principal
Mrs. Enid Barr	Secretary - Perkinsville
Mrs. Marilyn Houghton	Secretary - Ascotney
Mrs. Mary Harriman	Grade 1
Mrs. Connie Laber	Grade 1
Miss Kathryn Paulson	Grade 1 (Readiness)
Mrs. Barbara LaPointe	Grade 2
Miss Donna MacGregor	Grade 2
Miss Judith Mosman	Grade 2
Mrs. Virginia Bellows	Grade 3
Miss Sandra Bushor	Grade 3
Mrs. Joan Holzwarth	Grade 4
Mr. James May	Grade 4
Mr. Leo Laitres	Grade 5
Mrs. Evelyn McCoy	Grade 5
Mrs. Grace Stillson	Grade 6
Mrs. Norma Washburn	Grade 6
Mr. Gary Cross	Grade 7
Mrs. Judith Patterson	Grade 7
Mr. Francis Dietz	Grade 8
Mrs. Ellen Jones	Grade 8
Mrs. Eleanor Rice	Remedial Reading (Title I)
Mr. Robert Wardell	Physical Education & Music
Mrs. Esther Graham	Librarian - Ascotney
Mrs. Elizabeth Ochs	Librarian - Perkinsville
Mr. Raymond Baker	Custodian - Perkinsville Bus Driver
Mr. Royal Houghton	Maintenance - Ascotney
Mr. Arthur Leonard	Custodian - Ascotney
Mr. Duane Mable	Maintenance - Perkinsville
Mr. Stephen Titus	Bus Driver

# WEATHERSFIELD

**Enrollment on December 31, 1971**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Hartford</i>	<i>Windsor</i>	<i>Claremont</i>	<i>Springfield</i>	<i>Chester</i>
1	56					
2	62					
3	49					
4	57					
5	45					
6	42					
7	41					
8	36					
9			13			26
10			11	2		19
11			13			27
12		1	12	1	21	1
Total-	388	1	49	3	93	1

**1972 - 1973  
SALARY SCHEDULE**

<i>Step</i>	<i>Non-Degree 2 Years</i>	<i>Non-Degree 3 Years</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Bachelor +15 Credits</i>	<i>Bachelor +30 Credits</i>	<i>Bachelor +45 or Master's</i>
0	\$5,720	\$5,785	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
1	5,980	6,110	6,825	7,085	7,085	7,085
2	6,175	6,435	7,085	7,345	7,605	7,605
3	6,390	6,760	7,345	7,670	7,865	8,190
4	6,565	7,085	7,470	7,995	8,190	8,450
5	6,760	7,345	7,995	8,255	8,450	8,710
6	6,955	7,540	8,255	8,515	8,710	8,970
7	7,150	7,735	8,515	8,775	8,970	9,230
8	7,410	7,930	8,775	9,035	9,230	9,490
9	7,670	8,125	9,035	9,295	9,490	9,750
10	7,930	8,255	9,295	9,555	9,750	10,010
11	8,255	8,515	9,555	9,815	10,010	10,270
12			9,815	10,075	10,270	10,530
13					10,530	10,790

NOTE: Teachers beyond salary schedule receive 4% increase over last year.

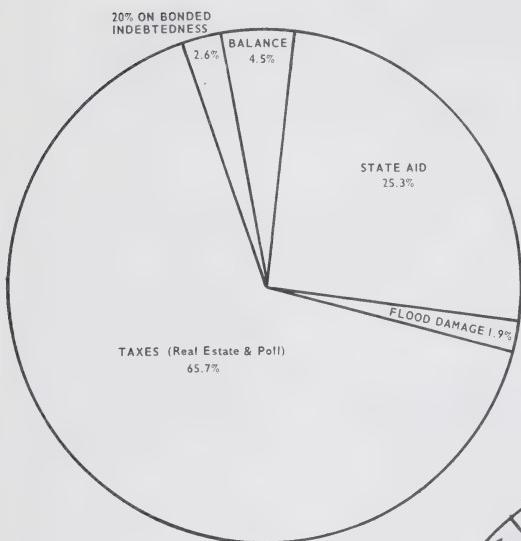
1972 - 1973

TEACHERS SALARIES

Range	# Teachers
6000/7000	1
7000/8000	9
8000/9000	4
9000/10,000	1
10,000/11,000	2
11,000/12,000	2
Teachers 19	

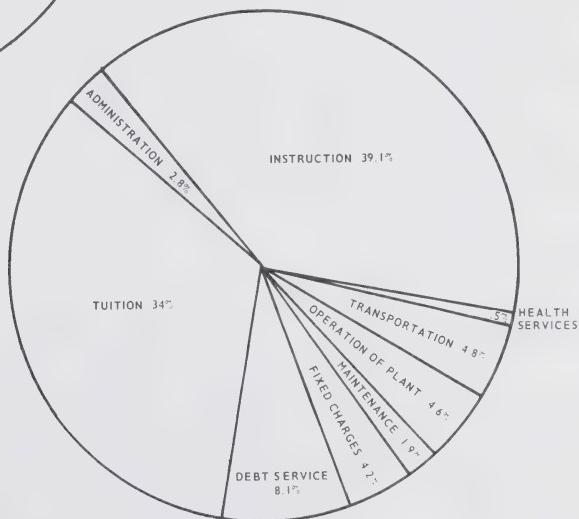
SCHOOL RECEIPTS

Budget, January 1972 - December 1972



SCHOOL EXPENSES

Budget, January 1972 - December 1972



## 1971 Births

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Place	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Baker, Jeffrey John	M	Sept. 22	Springfield	Weathersfield	Baker, Richard A.	
Byman, Christina Lynn	F	Feb. 14	Springfield	Perkinsville	Byman, Gerald Robert	Pignet, Janette Mary
Glascock, Aline Vicki	F	Jan. 22	Springfield	Perkinsville	Glascock, James Wilford	Dupee, Joyce Ann
Greene, Scott Francis	M	Sept. 17	Springfield	Weathersfield Bow	Greene, Francis Raymond	Rorison, Phyllis Jane
Keenan, Scott Edward	M	May 24	Springfield	Perkinsville	Keenan, Kevin Hazel	Knight, Jeanne Lillian
Lamphere, Sarah Amy	F	June 11	Springfield	Weathersfield	Lamphere, Edward Calvin, Jr.	Kivisto, Amy Susan
Landon, Craig Allen	M	June 18	Springfield	Perkinsville	Landon, William Clyde	Parry, Elizabeth Elida
Olson, Barbara Ann	F	Jan. 17	Springfield	Ascutney	Olson, Richard Wayne	Ferguson, Phyllis Jane
Ondre, Kevin Michael	M	Apr. 23	Springfield	Weathersfield	Ondre, Cyril Michael, Jr.	Augustinovich, Teressa Marie
Snow, Patrick James	M	Mar. 24	Springfield	Weathersfield Bow	Snow, David Raymond	Darling, Linda Louise
Sylvia, Debra Jean	F	Dec. 20	Springfield	Perkinsville	Sylvia, Paul LeRoy	Balargeon, Carol Ann
Temple, Tricia	F	Dec. 12	Springfield	Perkinsville	Temple, Harry Edward	Moulton, Marianne
Vigneault, Timothy James	M	Mar. 31	Springfield	Weathersfield	Vigneault, Peter Raymond	Matthews, Judith Ann

# 1971 Marriages

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place of Marriage
Austin, Albert George	Weathersfield, Vt.	Leary, Patricia Ann	Weathersfield, Vt.	Dec. 11	Weathersfield, Vt.
Berry, Frederick James, Jr.	Springfield, Vt.	McNeil, Kathleen Rose	Ascutney, Vt.	Sept. 12	Weathersfield, Vt.
Bridge, Norman Morgan	Weathersfield, Vt.	Vicary, Joyce Masure	Weathersfield, Vt.	May 7	Windsor, Vt.
Calkin, Thomas Bailey	Milford, Mass.	Parent, Marjorie Arlene	Weathersfield, Vt.	Oct. 9	Weathersfield, Vt.
Carpenter, Bernard L., Jr.	Weathersfield, Vt.	Fletcher, Marilyn F.	Windsor, Vt.	June 26	Windsor, Vt.
Cleveland, Bruce Kimball	Weathersfield, Vt.	Young, Janet Mabel	Springfield, Vt.	Jan. 23	Springfield, Vt.
Coburn, Bertram Joseph	Weathersfield, Vt.	Marrel, Gladys Jennie	Ludlow, Vt.	Nov. 12	Rutland, Vt.
Fontaine, Maurice Charles	Weathersfield, Vt.	Williams, Patricia Anne	Weathersfield, Vt.	Nov. 20	Hartland, Vt.
Giueritino, Ernest Charles	Bay Shore, N.Y.	Maynard, Kathaleen Jean	Bay Shore, N.Y.	Sept. 18	Perkinsville, Vt.
Hubbell, Robert Mark	Claremont, N.H.	Hale, Ruth Hester	Claremont, N.H.	Oct. 9	Weathersfield, Vt.
Landon, William Clyde	Weathersfield, Vt.	Stevens, Elizabeth Elda	Weathersfield, Vt.	Feb. 20	Perkinsville, Vt.
McAllister, Norman Howard	Weathersfield, Vt.	Johnson, Lena Mae	Weathersfield, Vt.	May 30	Weathersfield Center
Olney, Ronald Stewart	Weathersfield, Vt.	Alexander, Sharron Ruth	Londonderry, Vt.	July 10	Londonderry, Vt.
Pollard, Charles Henry	Springfield, Vt.	Ayers, Susan Esther	Weathersfield, Vt.	July 17	Weathersfield, Vt.
Sanford, Robert Elmer	Weathersfield, Vt.	Barton, Diane Ilene	Weathersfield, Vt.	Jan. 2	Perkinsville, Vt.
Stapleton, David Christian	Weathersfield, Vt.	Johnson, Brenda Rae	Springfield, Vt.	Feb. 13	Springfield, Vt.
Tirrell, Wayne Burton	Weathersfield, Vt.	Benjamin, Arlene Jean	Cornish, N.H.	July 17	Windsor, Vt.
Tribou, Stephen Wilber	Marshfield, Mass.	Powers, Deborah Jean	Weathersfield, Vt.	June 26	Windsor, Vt.

## Deaths

Name	Sex	Age	Date	Place of Death	Residence	Place of Burial
Baker, Rodney Earl	M	19	Apr. 14	Springfield, Vt.	Weathersfield	Ascutneyville Cemetery
Branch, Cora M.	F	69	Feb. 14	Springfield, Vt.	-----	Plain Cemetery
Cady, Ethel M.	F	78	Oct. 23	Unity, N.H.	-----	Ascutneyville Cemetery
Call, Margaret	F	93	Mar. 11	New Jersey	-----	Plain Cemetery
Covell, Louise W.	F	87	Dec. 10	Rutland, Vt.	Perkinsville	Plain Cemetery
Downing, Leon B.	M	87	Nov. 20	Springfield, Vt.	-----	Plain Cemetery
Gates, Walter Harvey	M	72	Oct. 22	Springfield, Vt.	Perkinsville	Plain Cemetery
Gile, Paul J.	M	25	Jan. 20	Rutland City, Vt.	-----	Ascutneyville Cemetery
Gould, Mabel C.	F	79	Nov. 7	Windsor, Vt	Weathersfield	Plain Cemetery
Johnson, Stephen Mark	M	21	Sept. 26	West Windsor, Vt.	Weathersfield	Ascutneyville Cemetery
Knights, John Russell	M	71	Apr. 13	Springfield, Vt.	-----	Plain Cemetery
LaFlame, Lizzie	F	74	Oct. 26	Unity, N.H.	-----	Ascutneyville Cemetery
Nelson, Harry Leroy	M	64	Nov. 25	Claremont, N.H.	-----	Plain Cemetery
Perry, Hadwen	--	74	Sept. 8	Worcester, Mass.	Roslindale, Mass.	Plain Cemetery
Poland, Theodore	M	68	Dec. 24, 1970	Unity, N.H.	-----	Ascutneyville Cemetery
Purnam, Ernest E.	M	76	Sept. 17	Bellows Falls, Vt.	-----	Plain Cemetery
Raymond, Guy Wilfred	M	74	May 14	Hartford-Rural	-----	Ascutney Cemetery
Robinson, George E.	M	87	Oct. 2	Springfield, Vt.	Weathersfield	Cavendish Village Cemetery
Salmond, William H.	M	79	Mar. 13	DeLand, Florida	-----	Plain Cemetery
Snide, Roger A.	M	25	Apr. 14	Springfield, Vt.	-----	Oakland Cemetery, Springfield
Stearns, Mary Ann Manley	F	73	Oct. 26	Springfield, Vt.	Perkinsville	Oakland Cemetery, Springfield
Stokes, Harold E.	M	67	Mar. 29	Springfield, Vt.	-----	Oakland Vault, Springfield
Stocker, Cecil Maxwell	M	64	Nov. 30	Weathersfield, Vt.	Perkinsville	Pleasantview Cemetery, Ludlow
Taylor, Patricia	F	45	Aug. 22	New Haven, Conn.	-----	Plain Cemetery
Wright, Edith M.	F	80	May 20	Weathersfield, Vt.	-----	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.
Wright, Jennie E.					Weathersfield	Irasburg, Vt. Cemetery
Yatsevich, Peter J.	M	74	Apr. 5		Weatherfield	Union Cemetery, Claremont
	M	54	Jan. 1			

## **1972 Town Meeting Warning**

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Multipurpose Room in the Ascutney Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on Monday, March 6, 1972 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles: (Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 1972 from 11:00 a.m. until 7 p.m.)

**Article 1.** To elect Town Officers by Australian Ballot.

**Article 2.** Will the Town direct the listers to set the polls of all inhabitants, citizens and aliens over 18 and under 65 years of age, in the grand list at \$1.50? (A two-thirds vote of the persons voting is necessary for approval of this article. Title 32 Section 3601 Vermont Statutes Annotated). By Ballot.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to elect a Town Clerk and a Town Treasurer for three year terms. By Ballot.

**Article 4.** To act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1971.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

**Article 6.** To see what the Town will vote to pay town officers who are not on salary for their services and travel expenses.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help finance the purchase of a new fire truck for the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to accept \$150.00 from Victoria W. Salmond to be added to the perpetual care fund already in existence on the Peter Salmond lot.

**Article 10.** Will the Town instruct the auditors to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the auditor of accounts as provided for in section 1692 of Title 24 to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town for 1972?

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote an enabling act for the adoption of a Uniform System of Accounting to be instituted next year. (32 V.S.A. Sec 162a (1)).

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the budget of the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see if the voters will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a budget committee consisting of nine (9) people to go over Highway, Selectmen's, and School budgets and make recommendations. Said budget figures from each department to be available to this budget committee by January 10.

Article 14. If it becomes permissible by Statute to change the annual town meeting from March to some later date, would the Town be in favor of this change?

Article 15. Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to build a new town garage, not to exceed \$25,000.00?

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote twenty cents (20¢) on the tax rate to take care of the deficit in the General Fund.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve the budget of the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:

To pay taxes to the Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due June 1st, and delinquent after July 1st.

To have real estate and personal property taxes due August 1st and delinquent after November 1st.

To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate provided by statute.

Article 19. To transact any other business deemed proper when met not involving the expenditure of Town Funds.

Dated at Weathersfield, Vermont this 31st day of January A.D. 1972.

Henry N. Hicks  
Clarence Grover Jr.  
Robert G. Brogdale  
Neil H. Daniels

Board of Selectmen  
Weathersfield, Vermont

## School District Warning

The legal voters of the Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Multipurpose Room in the Ascutney Elementary School in the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont on Monday, March 6, 1972 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles. Voting on the first article will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 1972 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Article 1. To elect School District Officers by Australian Ballot.

Article 2. To act upon the report of the School Directors for the year ending December 31, 1971.

Article 3. To see what the Town School District will vote to pay Town School Officers for their services and travel expenses.

Article 4. To see if the Town School District will vote the sum of \$59,000.00 for the establishment of a Public Kindergarten as part of the public schools of the district.

Article 5. To see if the Town School District will vote a sum of \$2,000.00 to engage an architect for the purpose of planning for expansion at the existing facilities.

Article 6. To see what specific sum of money the Town School District will vote to raise for expenses, capital improvements, or other lawful purposes to the end of the school year next ensuing - all in lieu of a rate on a dollar of the Grand List.

Article 7. Shall the Town School District of Weathersfield hold its annual meeting on the first Tuesday in March for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, V.S.A. Title 16, Section 422?

Article 8. To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9. To transact any other business necessary and proper.

Dated at Weathersfield, Vermont this 1st day of February, A.D. 1972.

Peter M. Daniels, Chairman  
Agnes S. Torp, Clerk  
Gary P. Richardson  
Roger W. Eastman  
Richard Hinkley

Weathersfield School Directors

## **List of Candidates For Election, March 7, 1972**

For Moderator, Melvin R. Butterfield

For Town Clerk, Elizabeth G. Murray, Lorraine P. Zigman

For Selectman until 1975, Neil H. Daniels, Kenneth A. Domey

For Selectmen until 1973 (two to be elected), Clifton R. Bradish,  
Michael J. Kamel, Victor P. Jarvis

For Treasurer, Irene P. Hoyt

For School Director until 1975, Laverne C. Barton, Edith F. Hunter,  
Davis B. Keniston, Agnes S. Torp

For School Director until 1973 (two to be elected), Galen A. Crandall, Jr.,  
Lucille M. Gramling, Richard O. Hinkley, Richard C. Koenig,  
Gilbert F. Whittemore, Raymond P. Zigman

For Lister until 1975, Wanna E. Baker, Robert C. Follett

For Auditor until 1975, Gertrude K. W. Barrows

For Auditor until 1974, Janette M. Byman

For Auditor until 1973, no filings

For Treasurer, Irene P. Hoyt

For Trustee of Public Money until 1975, Roger W. Eastman

For First Constable, Robert Z. Gale

For Second Constable, Dennis G. Richardson, Sr.

For Town Agent, Andrew A. Titcomb

For Town Grand Juror, no filings

For Cemetery Commissioner until 1977, Clifton R. Bradish

For Library Trustee until 1977, Madalyn R. Butterfield, Dorothy W. Dutton,  
Marjorie S. Foster



## Tribute To Louise Covell

When folks wished costumes for a play, a pageant or a musical, to whom did they first make their request? To Mrs. William Covell, of course.

When they wished information concerning Weathersfield history, or a special display set up for the Weathersfield Historical Society or a particular library book, or someone to chair the Heart Fund campaign....to whom did they turn? To Mrs. Covell, naturally.

When people from far away or near at hand sought information concerning Weathersfield cemeteries, or wished genealogical research done, who did they consult? No other than.....Mrs. Covell. So it was in many other fields that only you as an individual may recall.

Louise Waterbury Covell was born in Darien, Connecticut, September 11, 1884. She had worked as a nurse in Connecticut and was a summer visitor at the home of Mrs. Bessie Weed Shaw in the Upper Falls area where she met her future husband, William P. Covell, who was descended from the early settlers of Weathersfield. They were married in May 1924, and Louise Waterbury Covell became an ardent supporter of her adopted town of Weathersfield. She died on December 10, 1971. Although Mrs. Covell no longer walks among us, she will be long remembered and frequently in the thoughts of her many friends.

- Betty G. Murray

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as said house should stand - To be built the present year...the outside finished and the floor laid, said house to be built sixty feet long and forty three feet wide on the ground where the meeting House stood lately consumed by fire or not more than thirty feet in front if the Town will give said society the privilege of building the house on said land. Signed by John Parker, John Warren and Benjamin Tolles, Committee of said Society dated May 1st 1821. And whenever said land ceases to be used for the aforesaid purposes the said land to revert back to the Town.

"The above proposal of the first congregational society in Weathersfield to the town of Weathersfield was agreed to on the part of the Town by a large majority of votes. Attest James Converse, Town Clerk.

"And, Furthermore, it was agreed to by both parties (Viz) on the part of the society and on the part of the Town that a legal conveyance shall be made by the Selectmen to the said congregational society on the one part and a like legal conveyance on the part of the said congregational society to the Town on the other part agreeable to the aforesaid proposal.

Attest James Converse Town Clerk"

Such is some of the early history of the Meeting House for which the First Congregational Society held commemorative services on Pilgrimage Sunday, August 8, 1971 in observance of the 150th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church.

- Betty G. Murray

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1972 at 7:30 p.m. at  
THE ASCUTNEY SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

**All Voting by Australian Ballot will be on Tuesday,  
March 7 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the same place.**

**(For School Officers ONLY,  
Polls open at 10 a.m., close at 8 p.m.)**

Percy & Dorothy Blies

Ascutney, Vermont









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